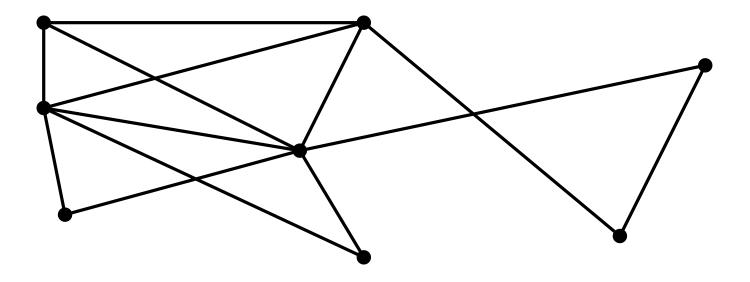
# On Strict (Outer-)Confluent Graphs

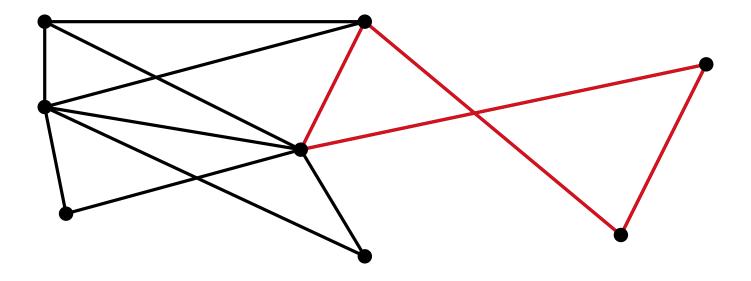
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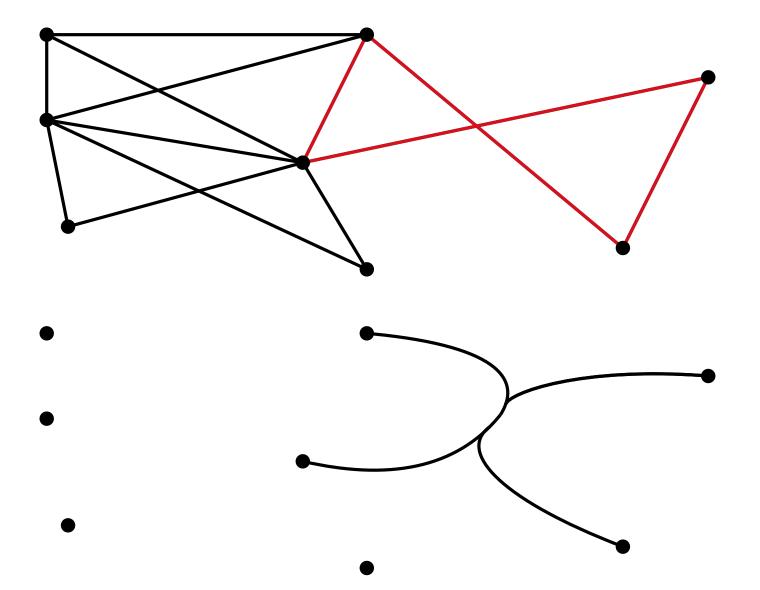


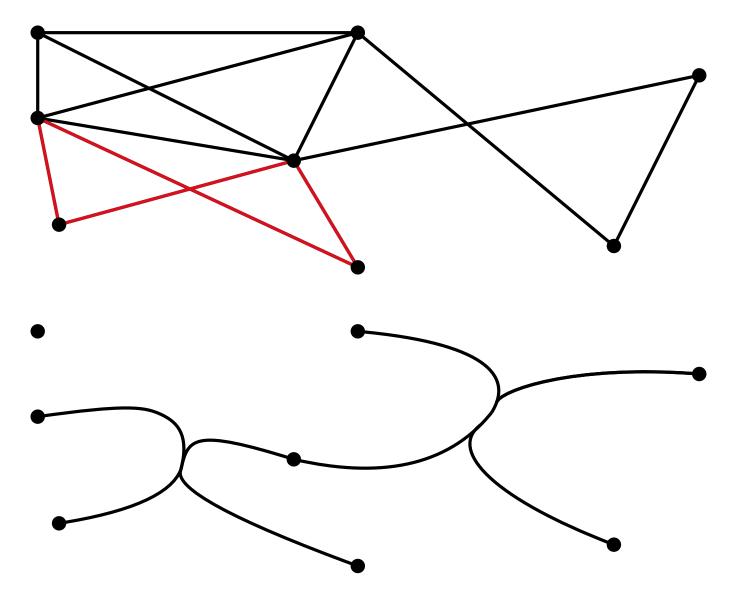


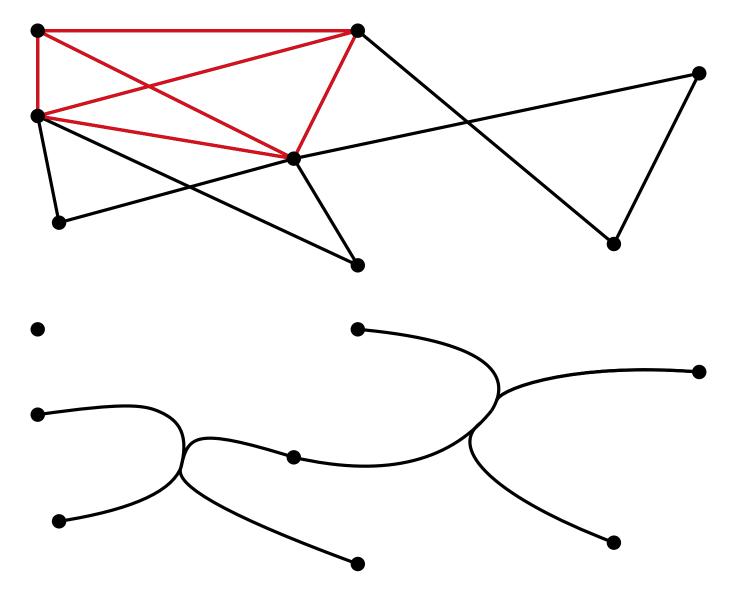


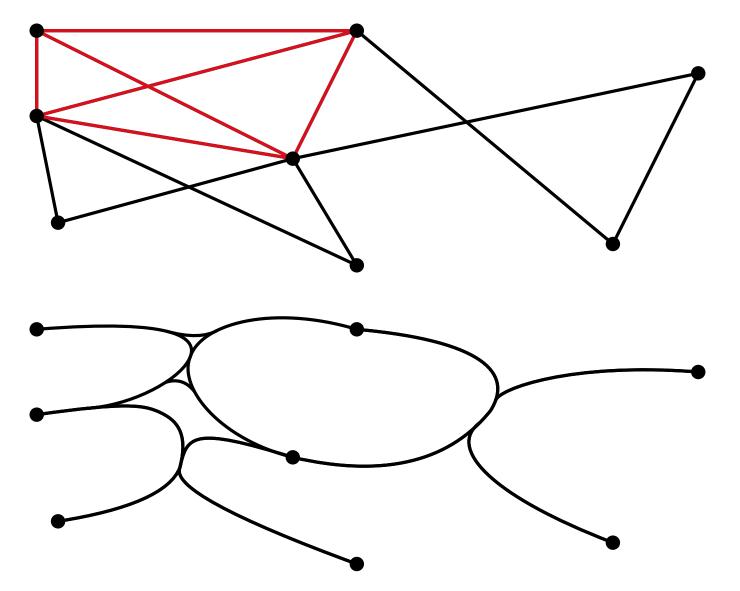


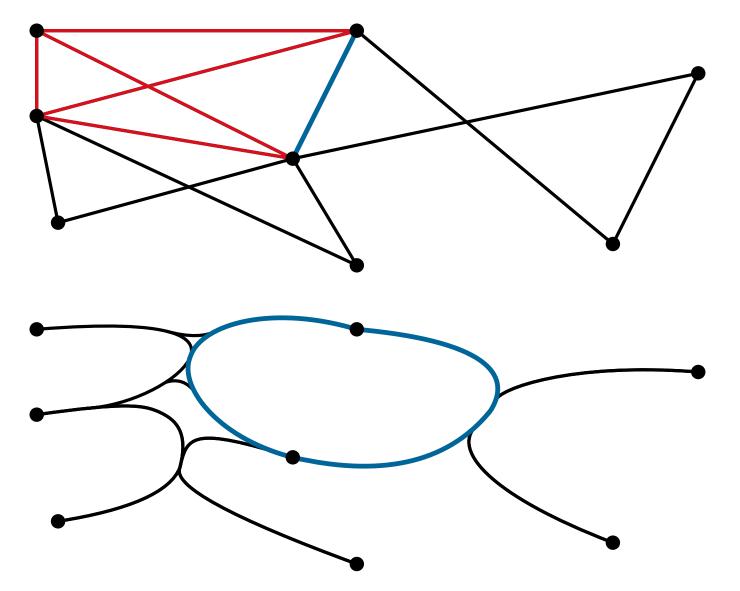


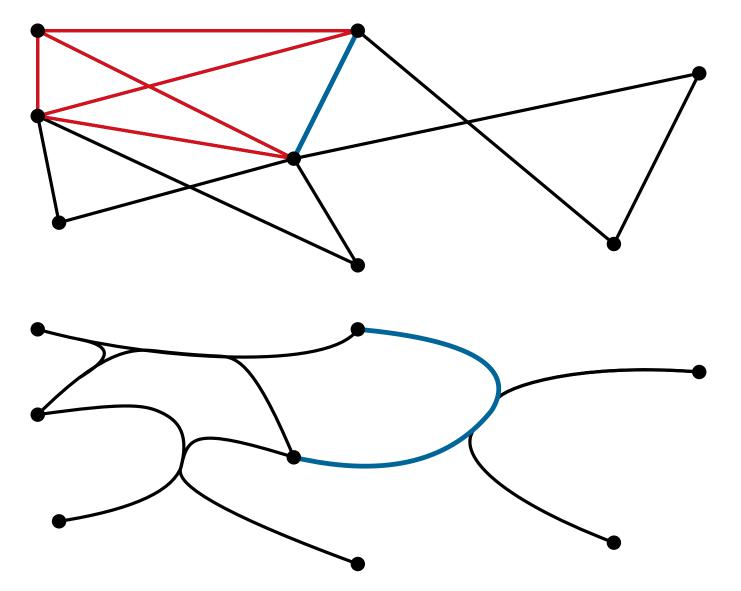


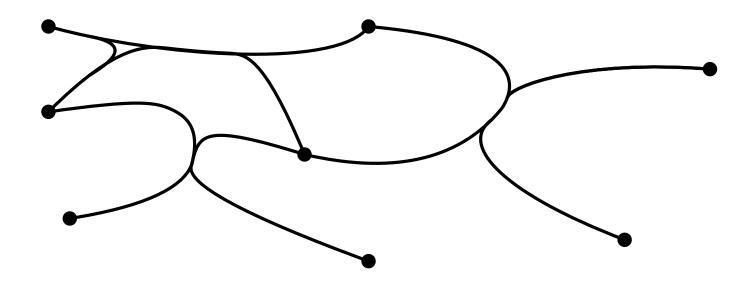




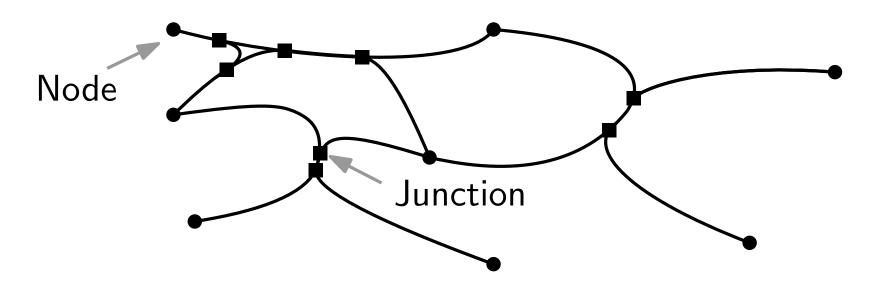




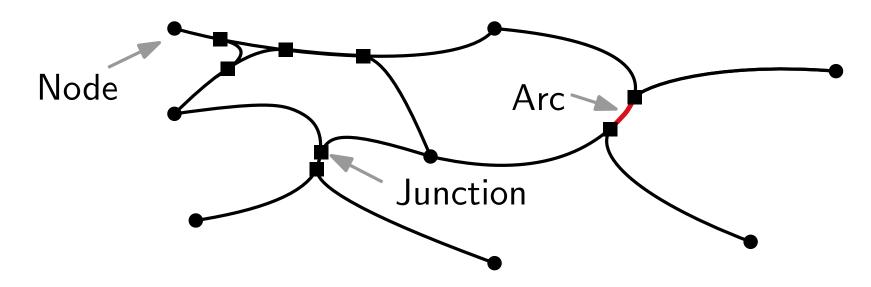




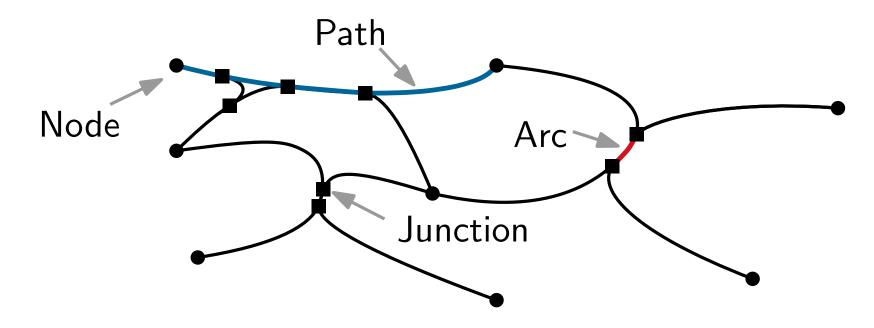
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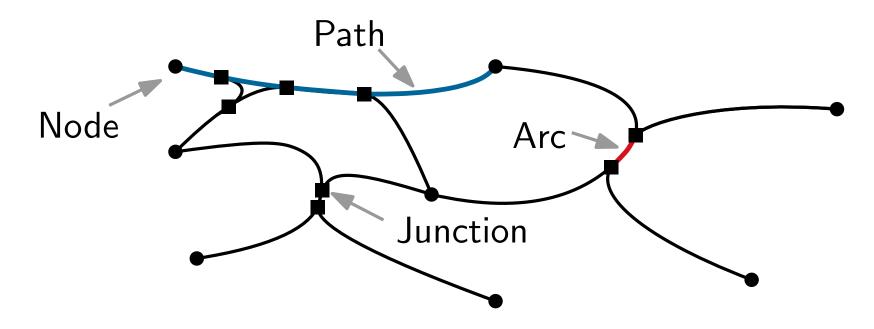
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No double paths  $\Rightarrow$  strict confluency All vertices on a circle  $\Rightarrow$  outer confluency

Every plane drawing is (strict) confluent  $\Rightarrow$  Questions mainly interesting for non-planar graphs

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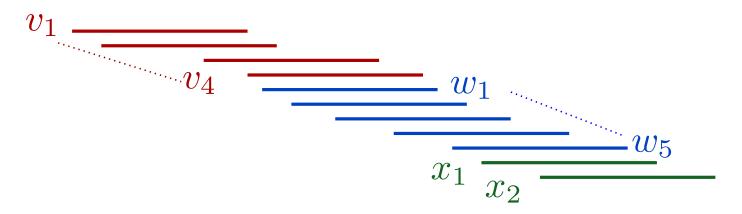
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One main open question

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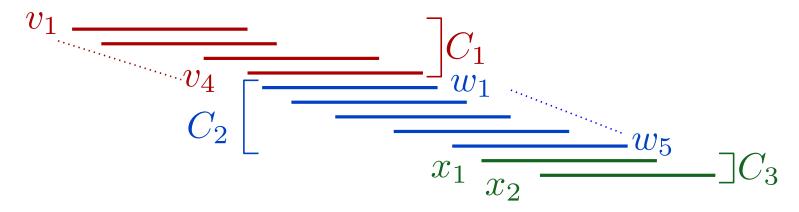
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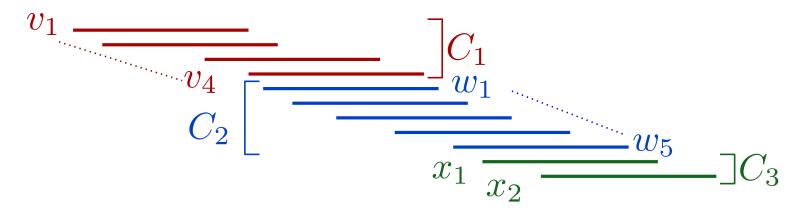
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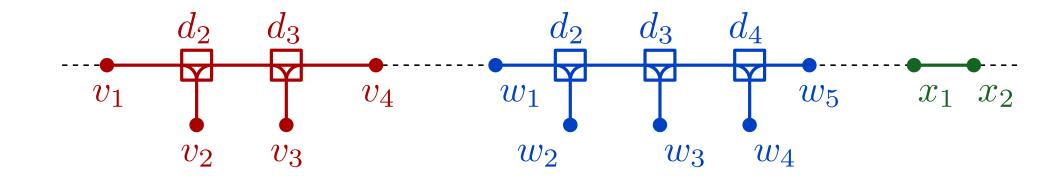
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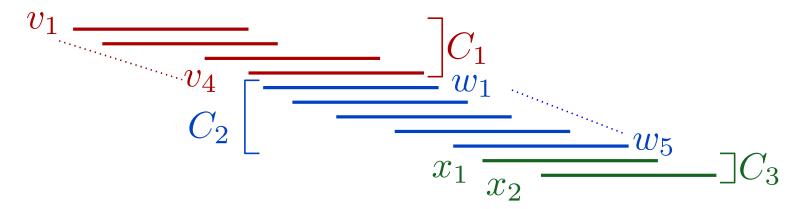


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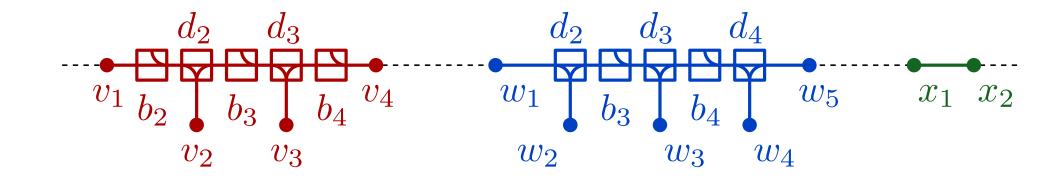


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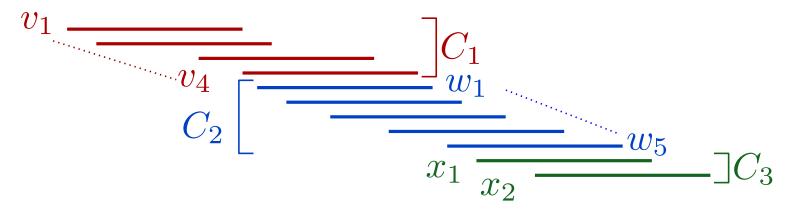
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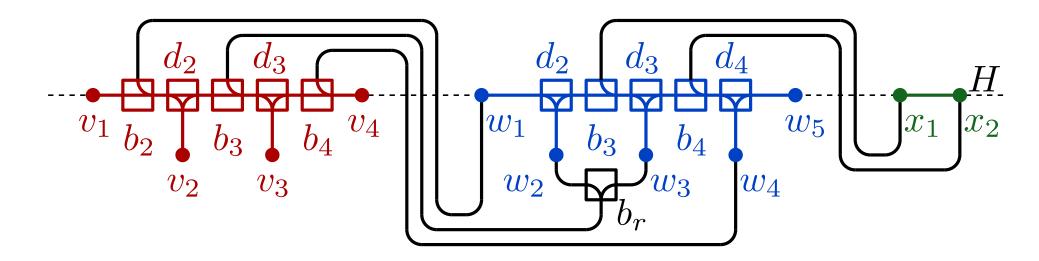


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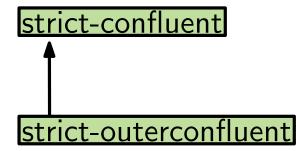
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Connect the cliques with confluent paths



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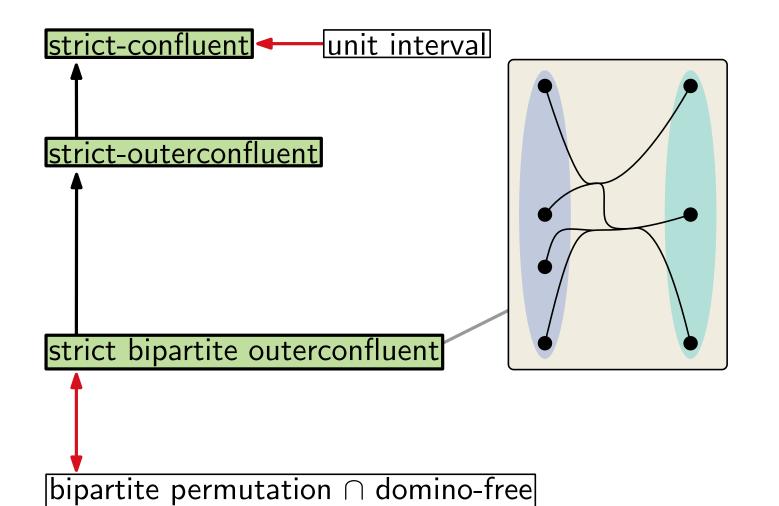


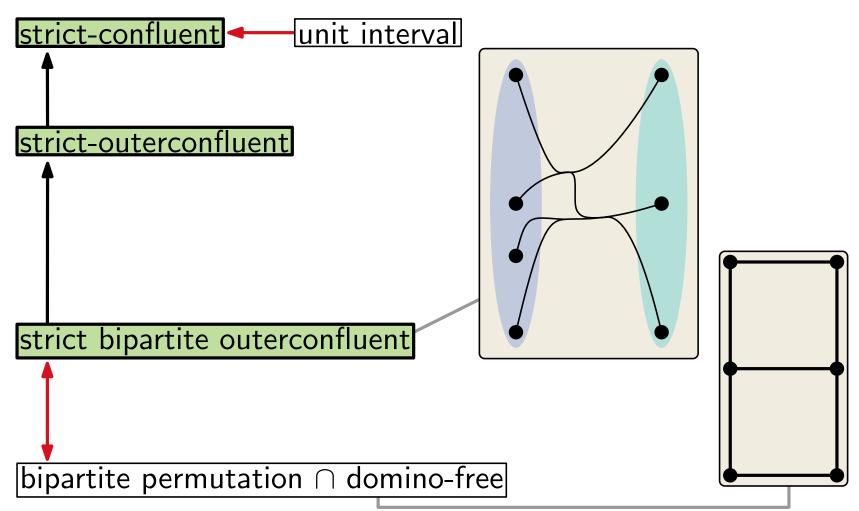


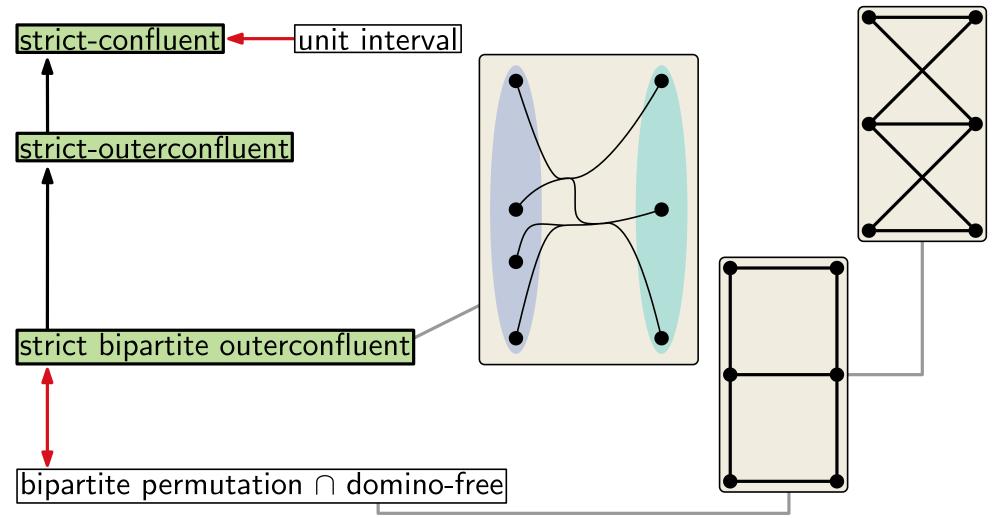


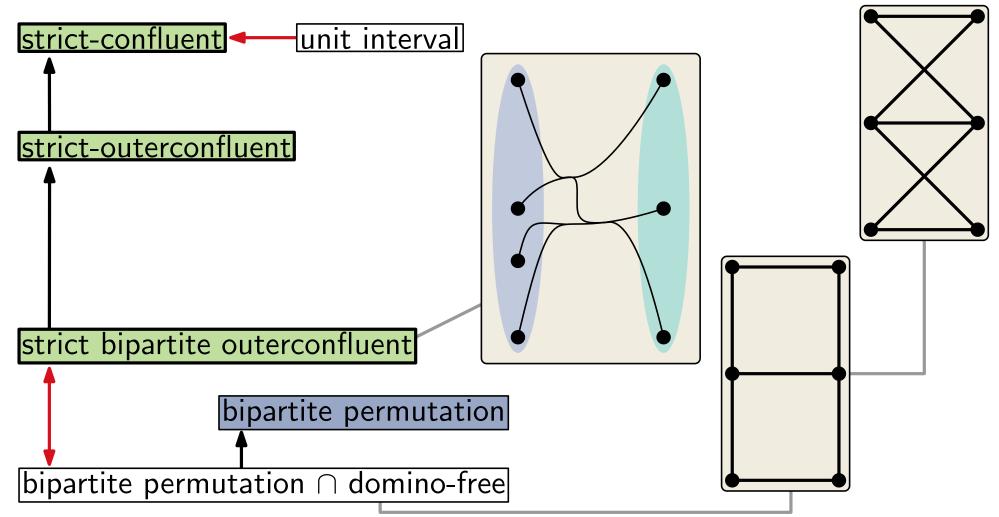
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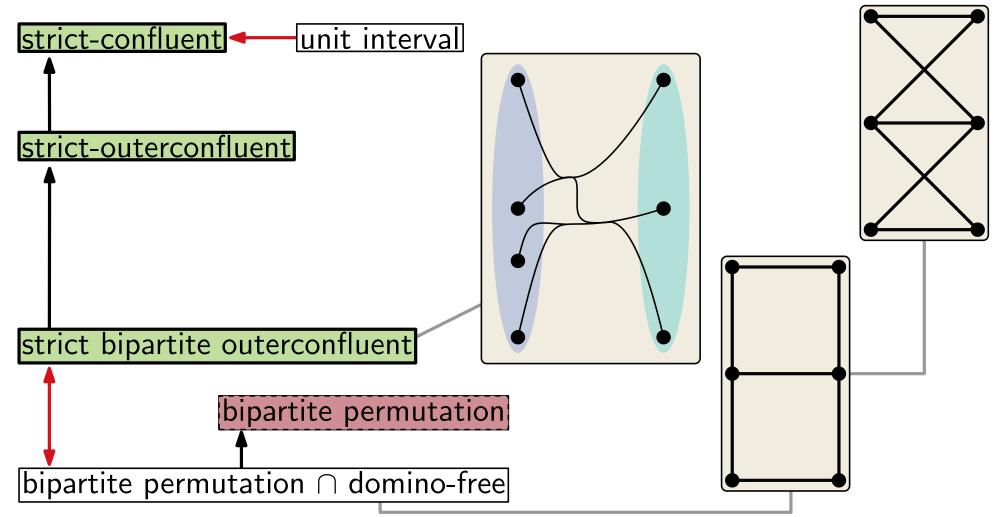




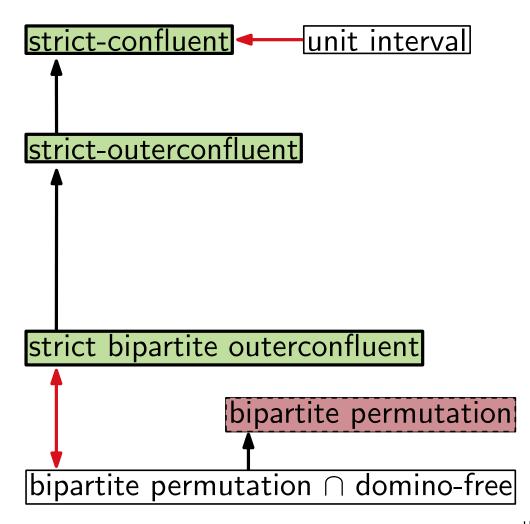


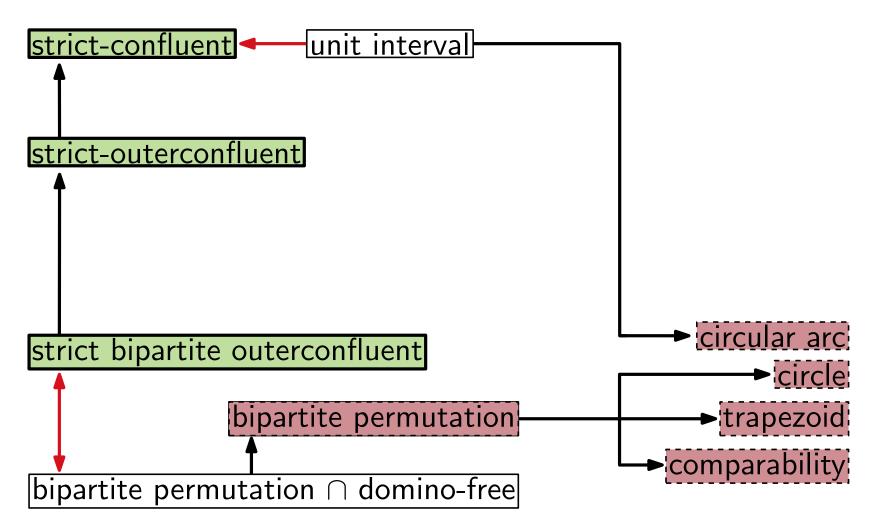


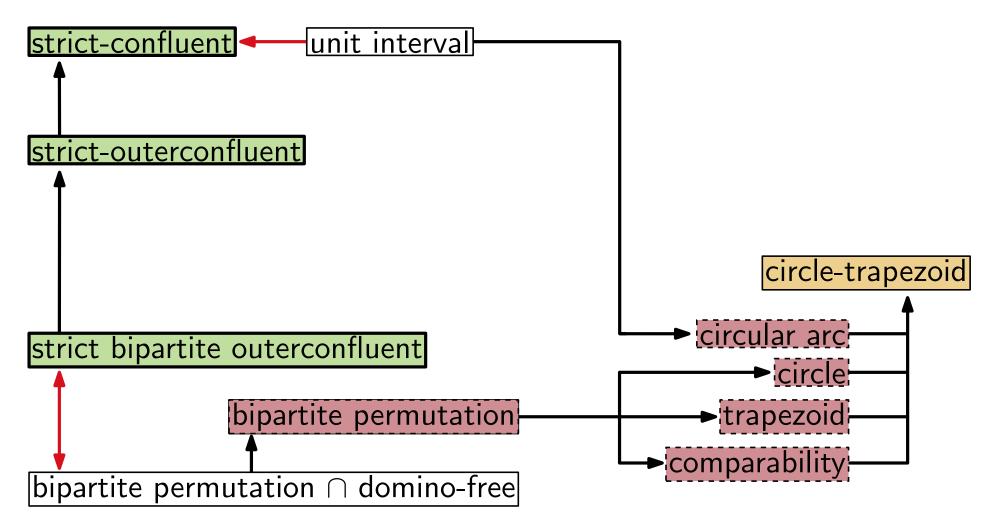


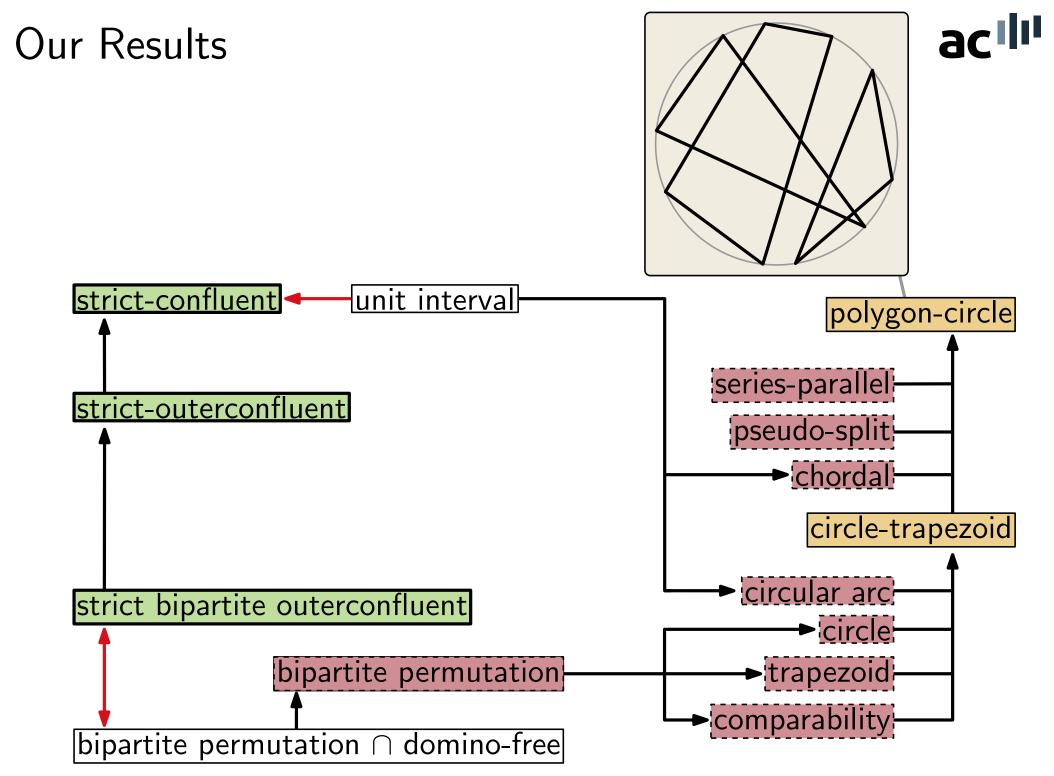


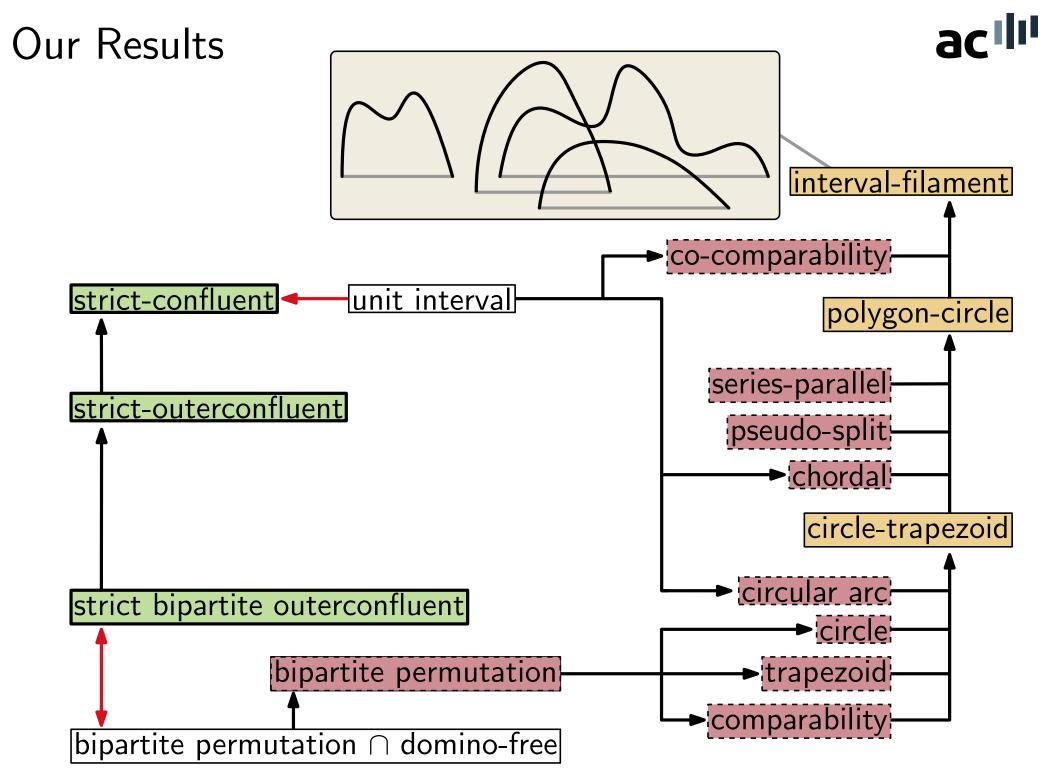






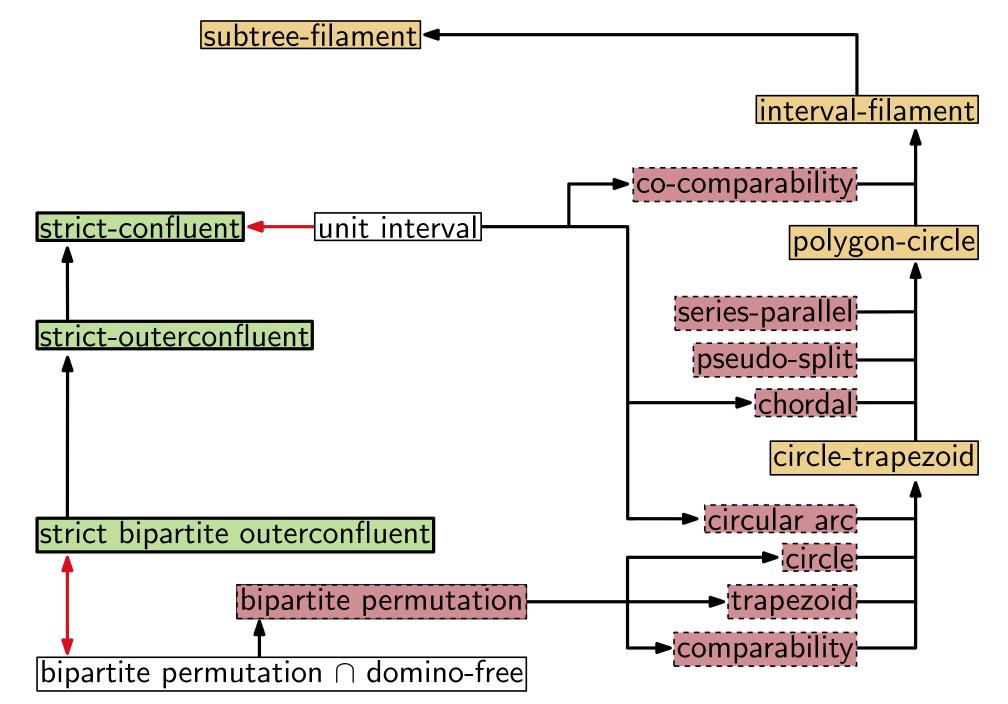






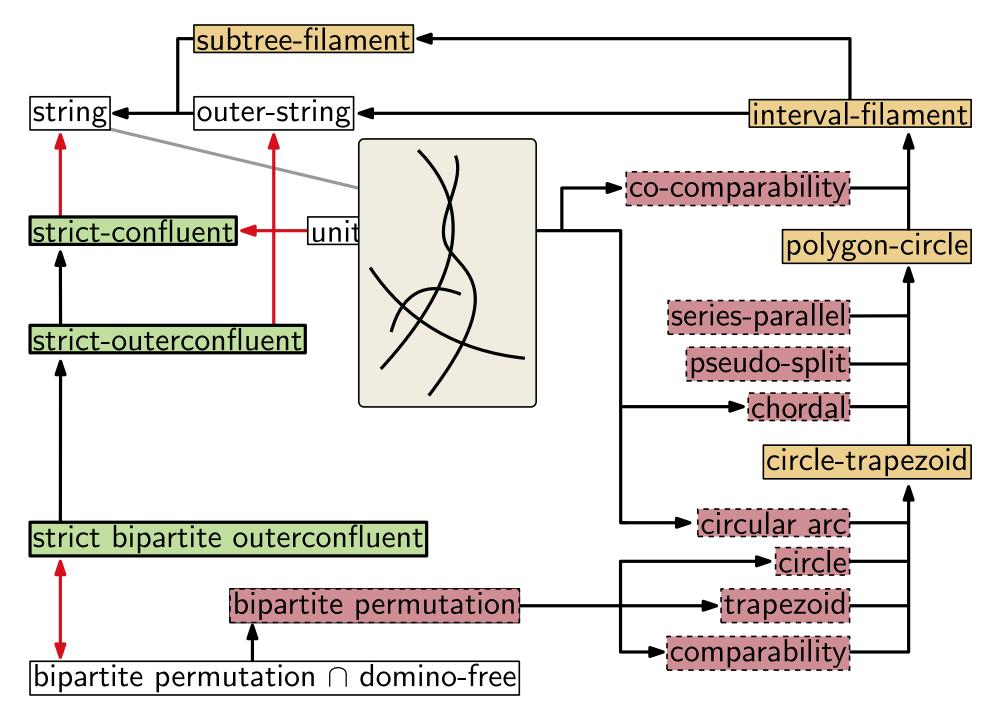
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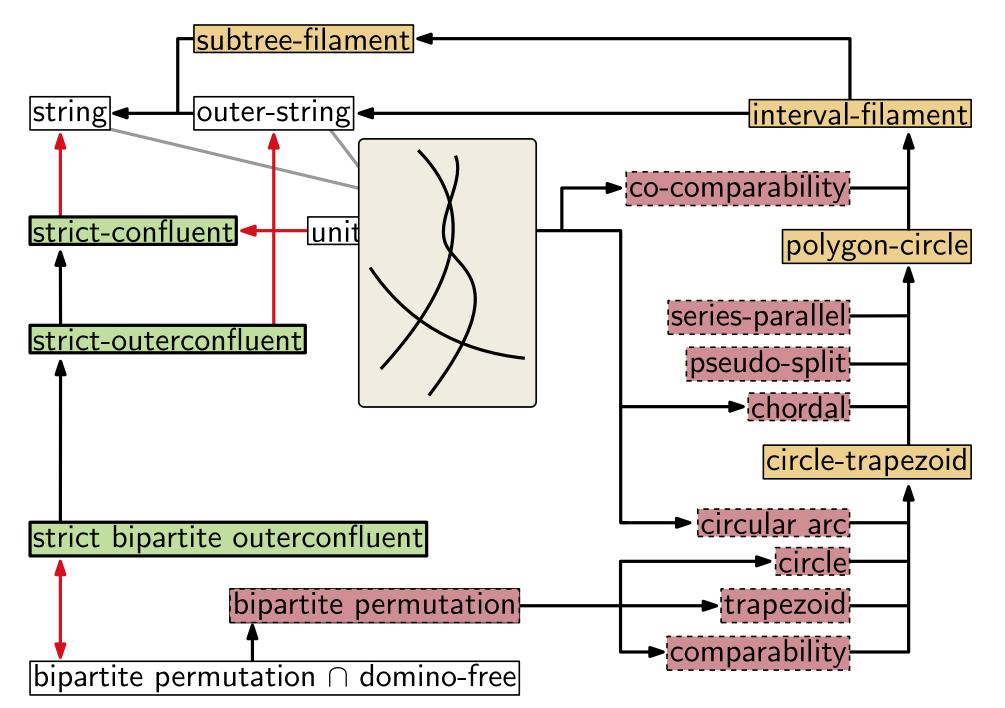
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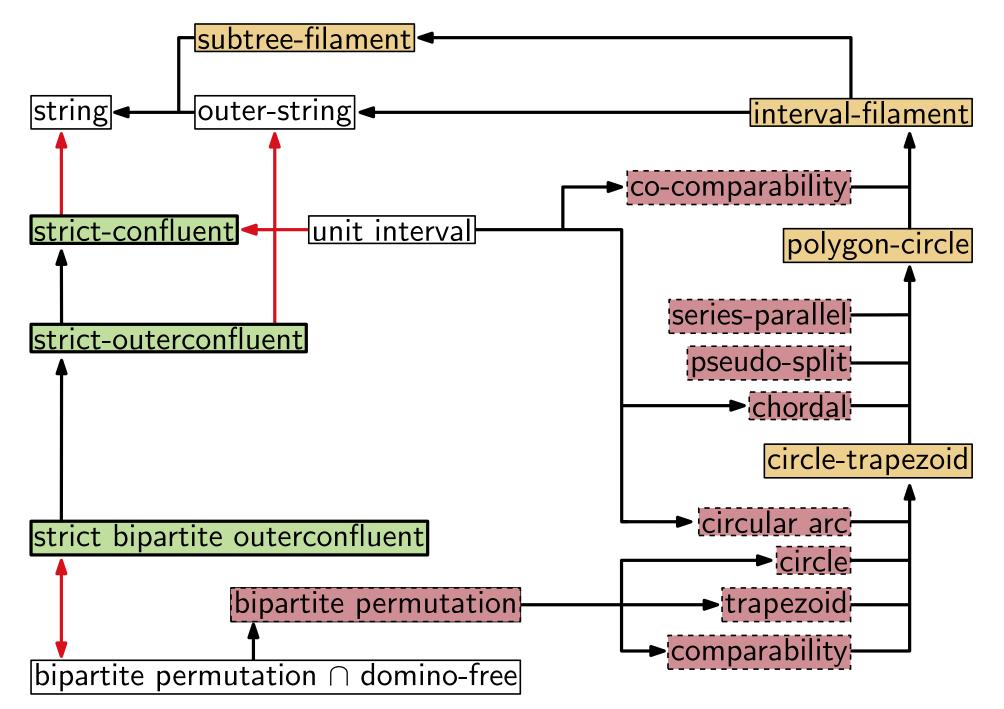


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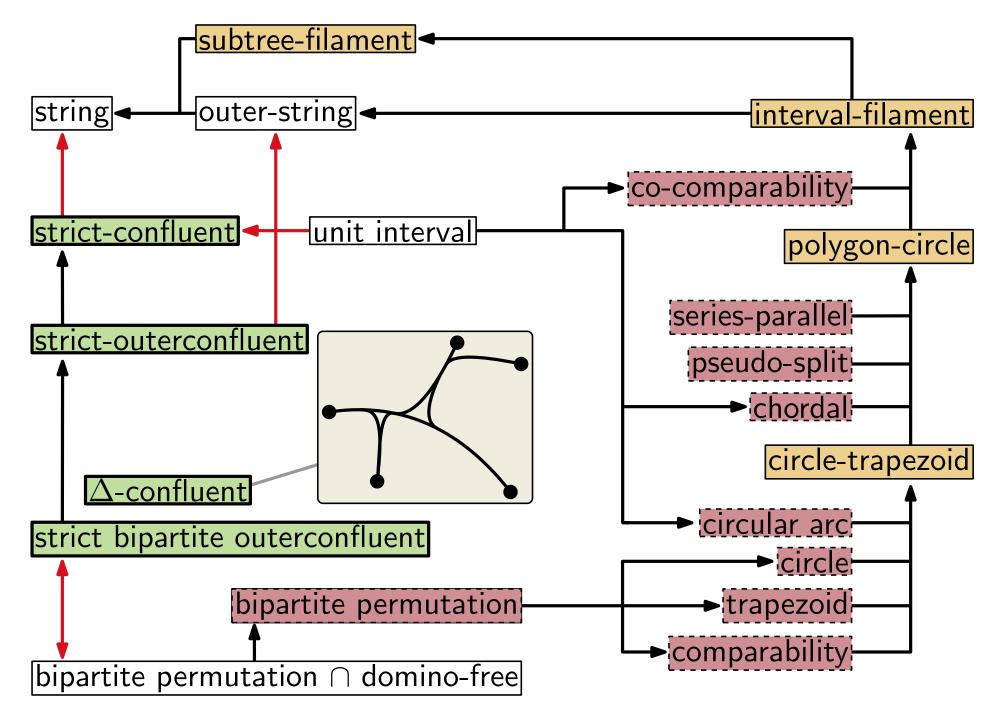




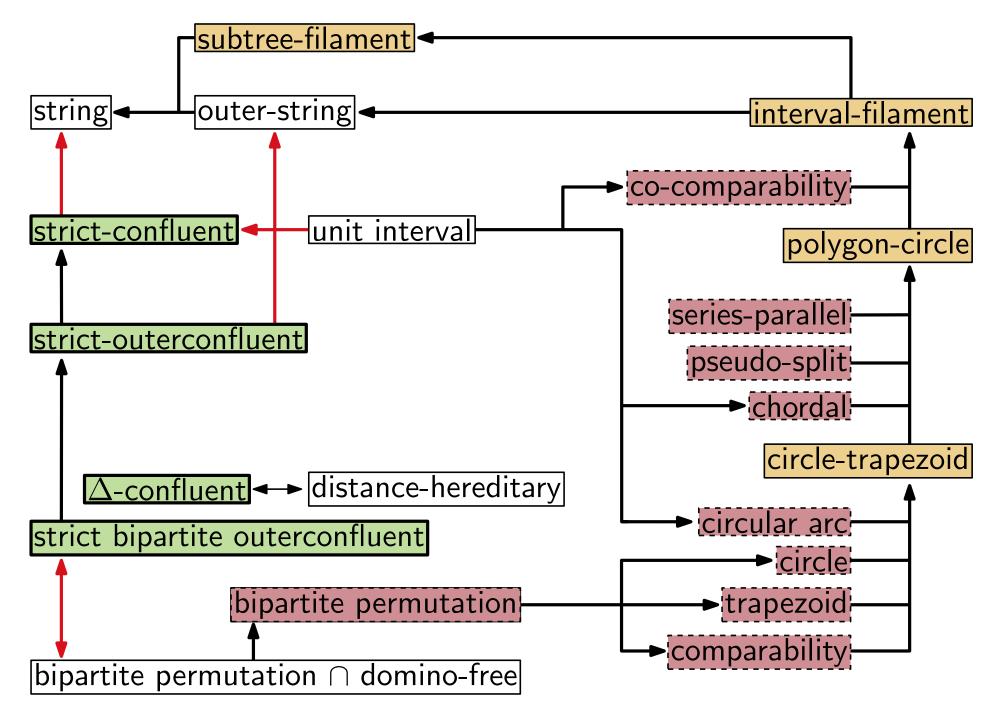
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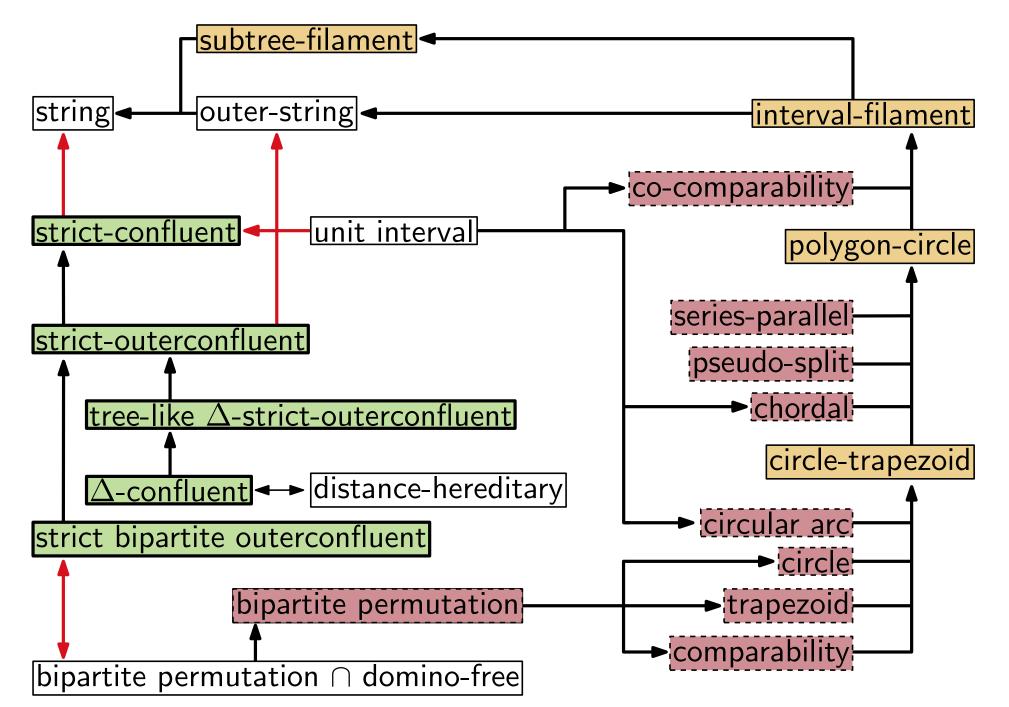




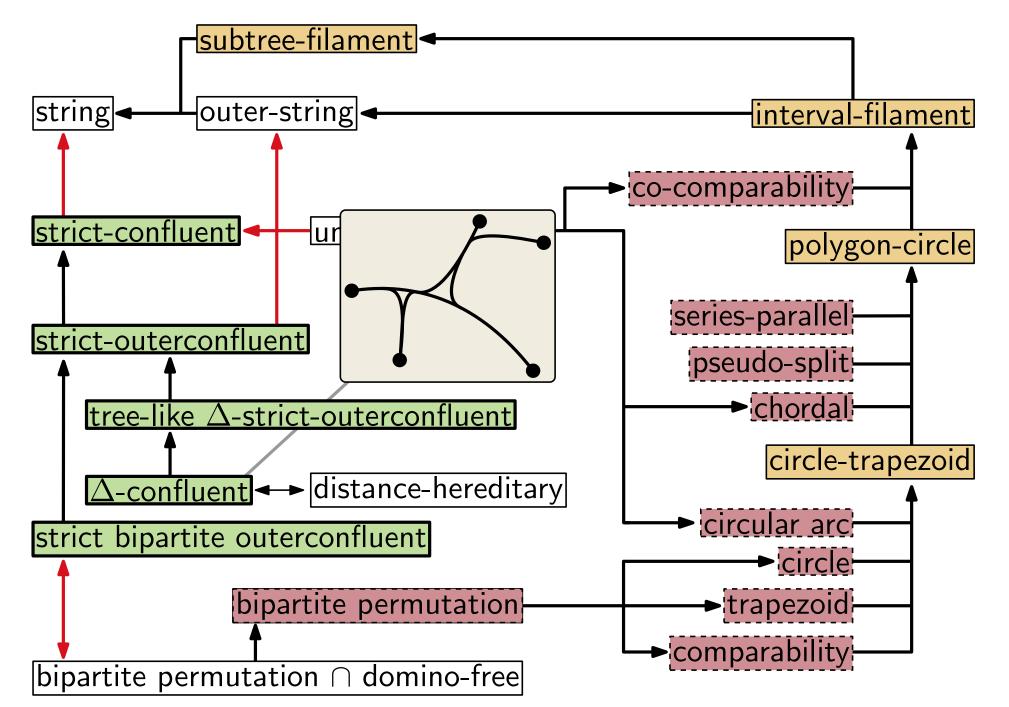
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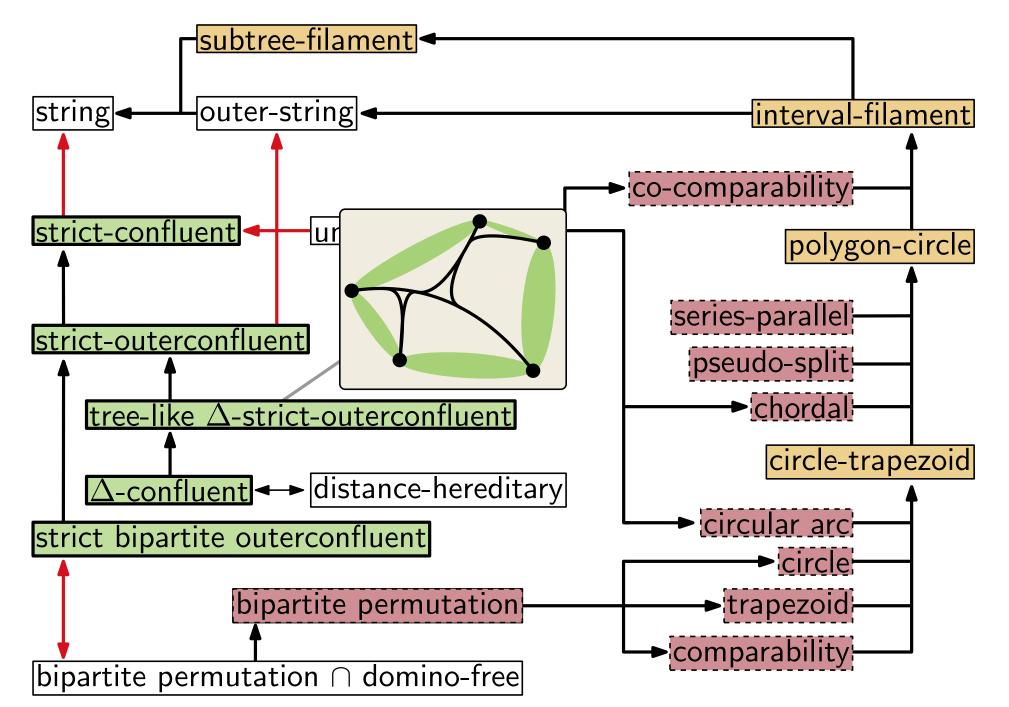




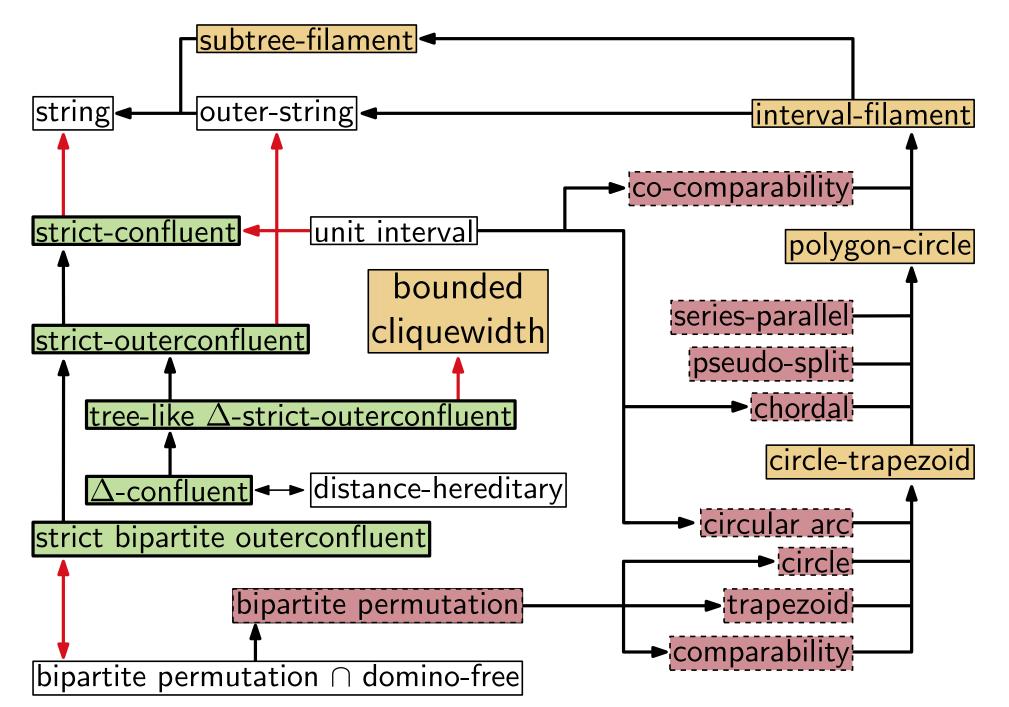




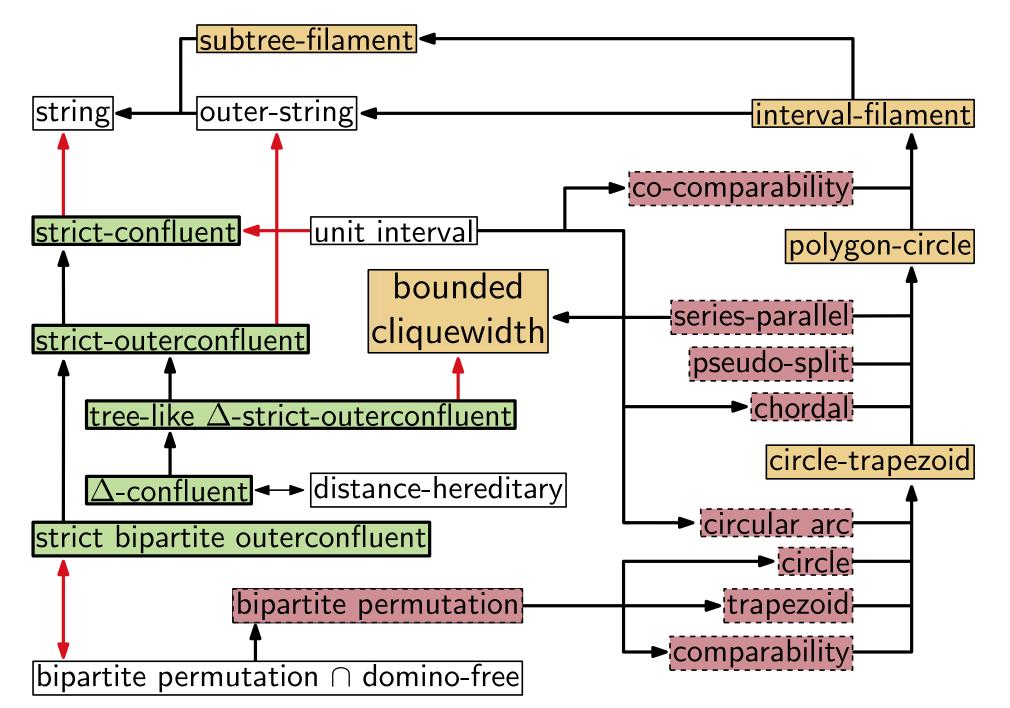




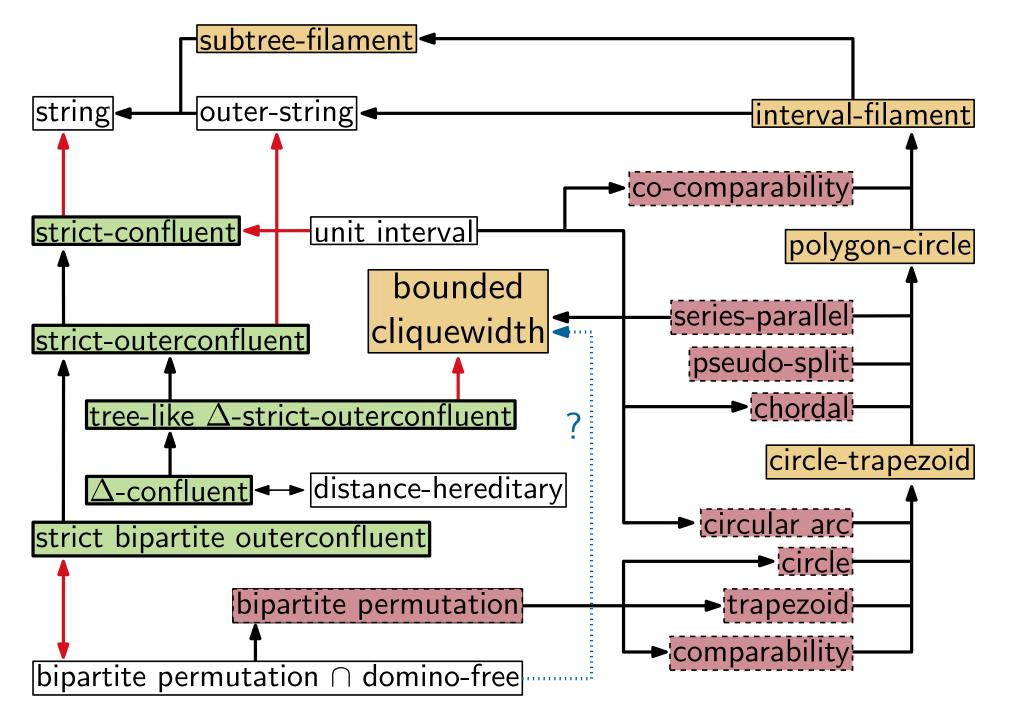


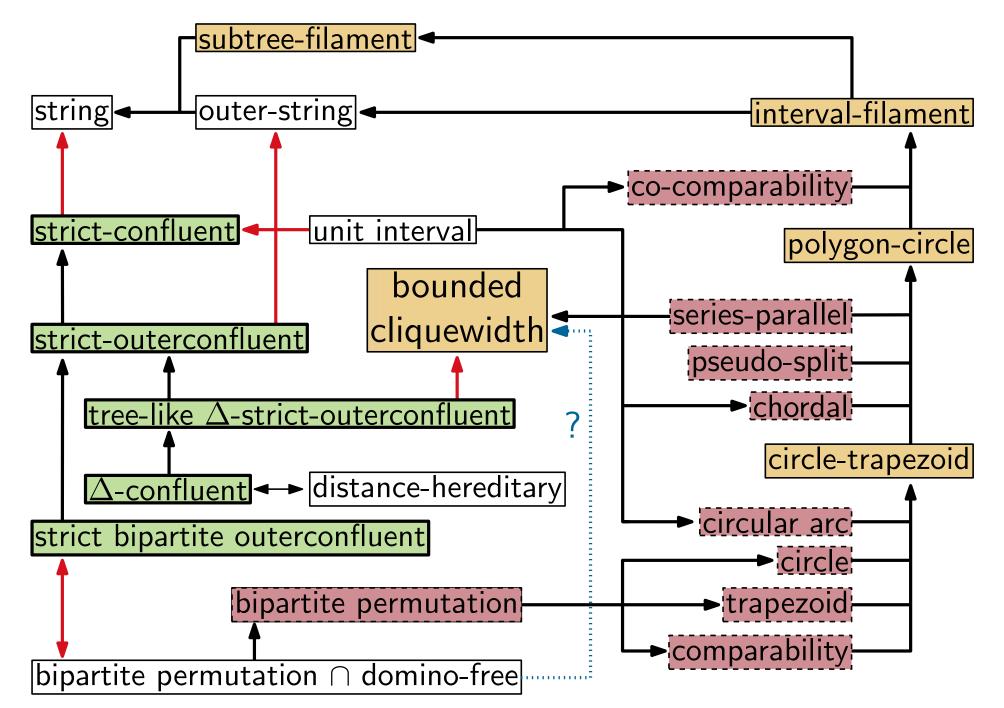


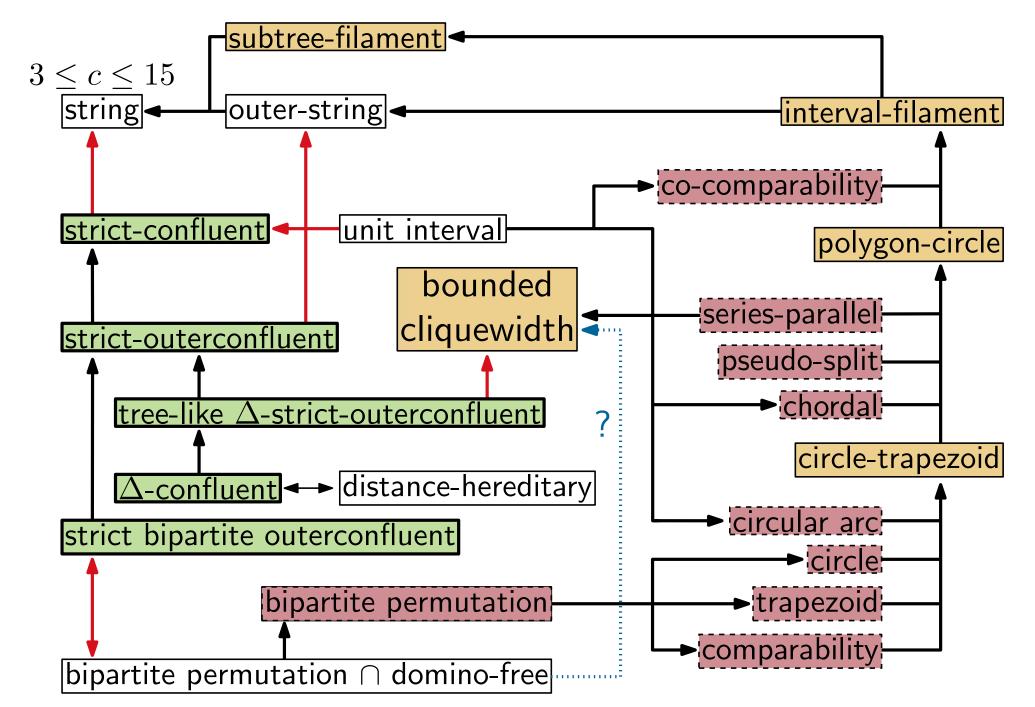


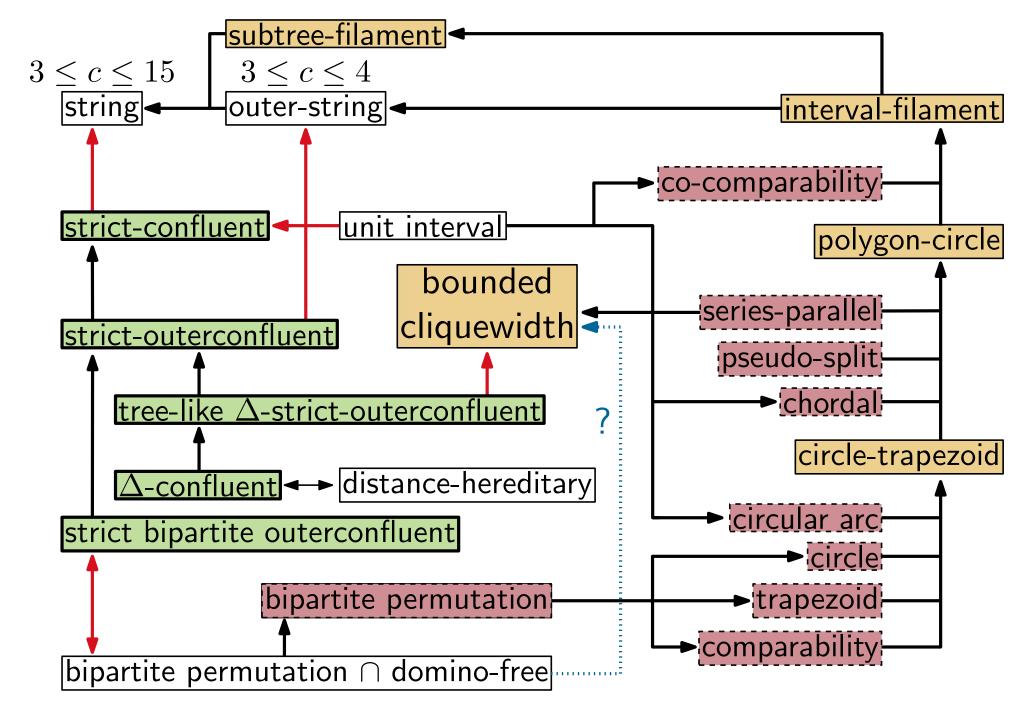


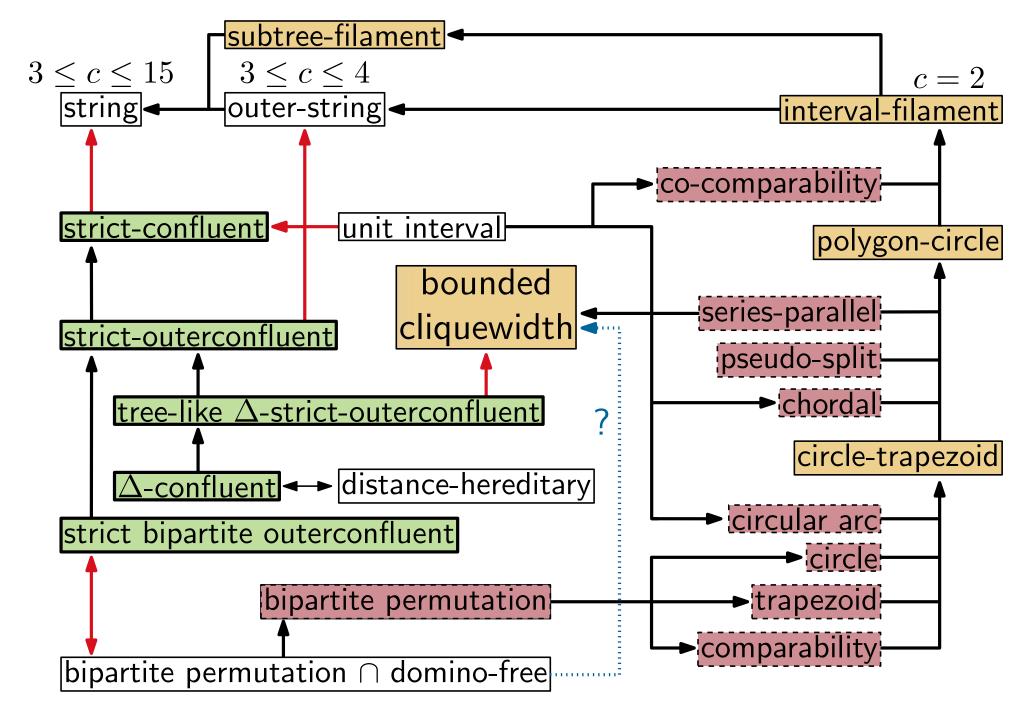


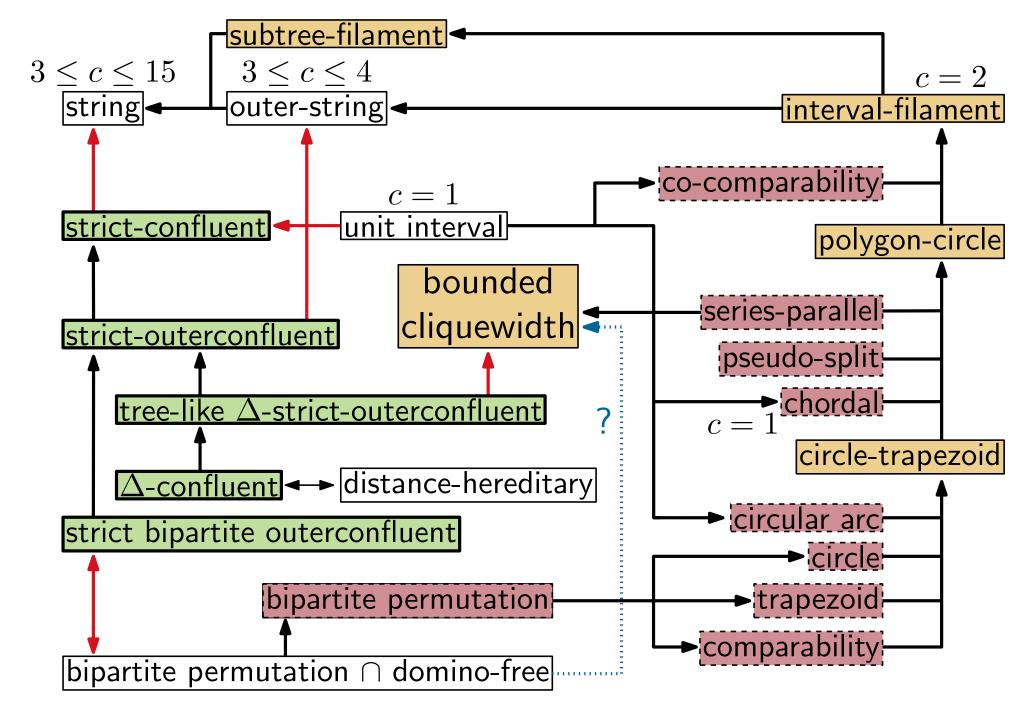


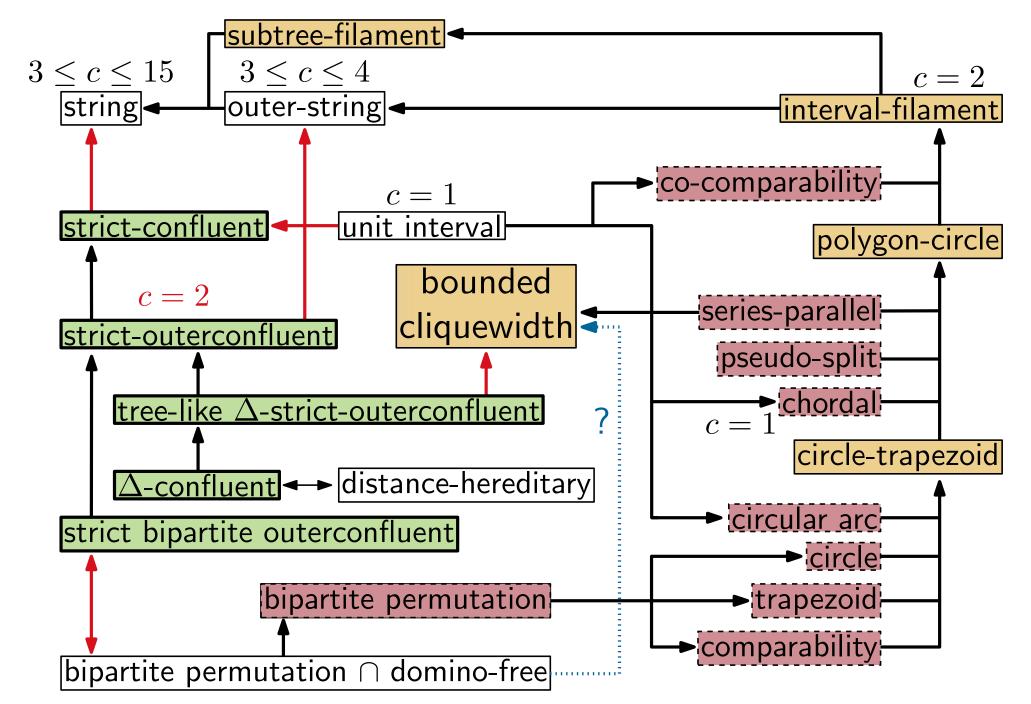


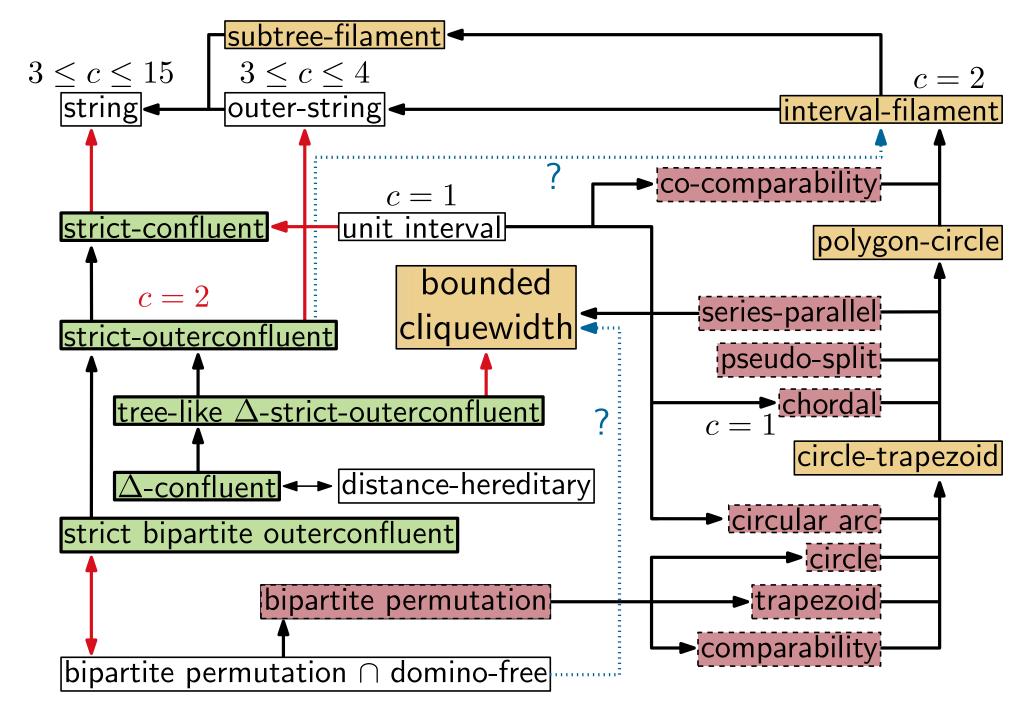


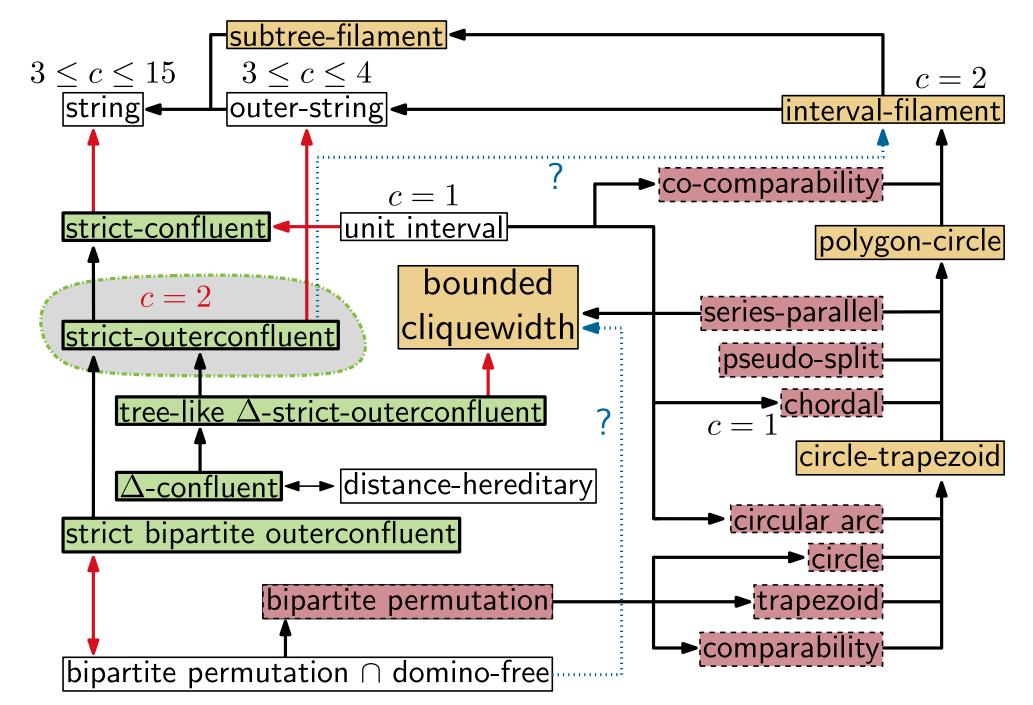












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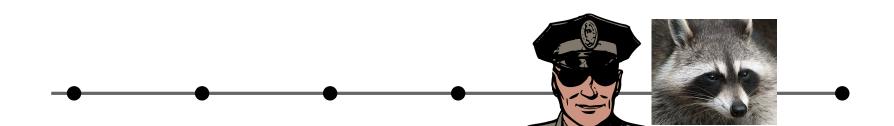
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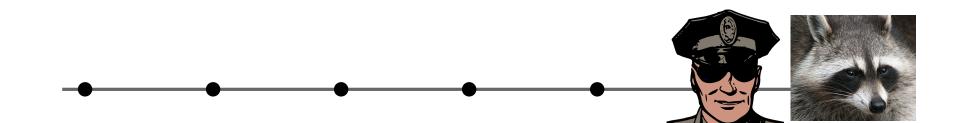
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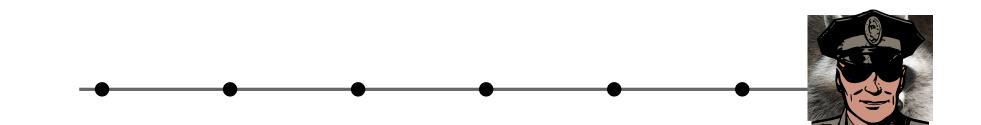
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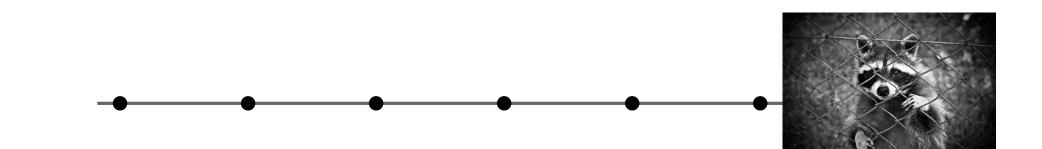
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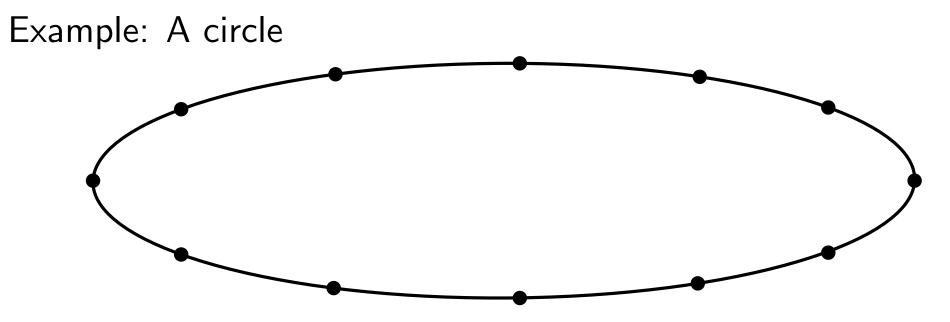
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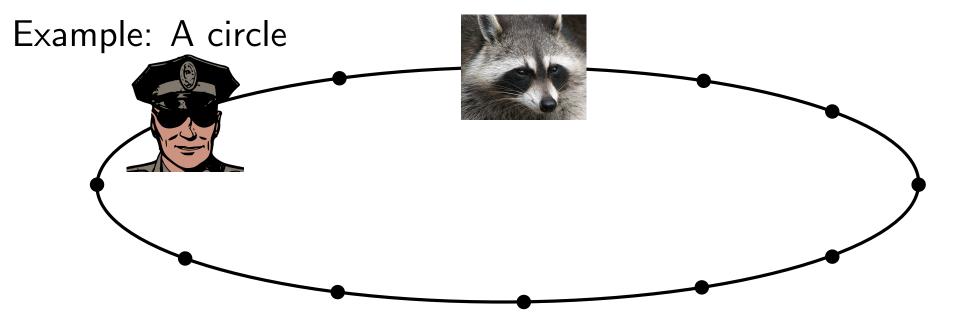


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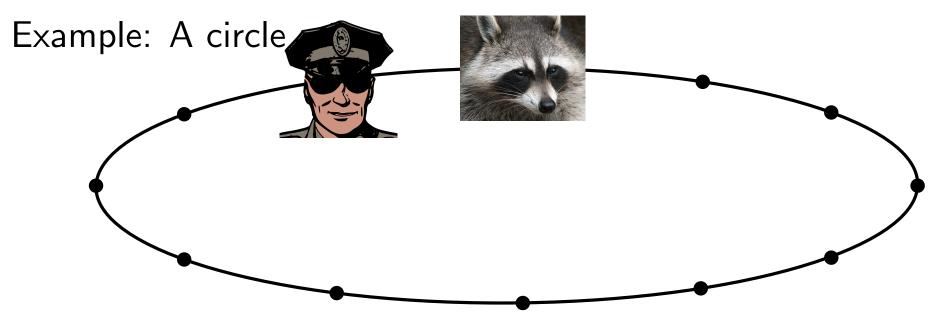


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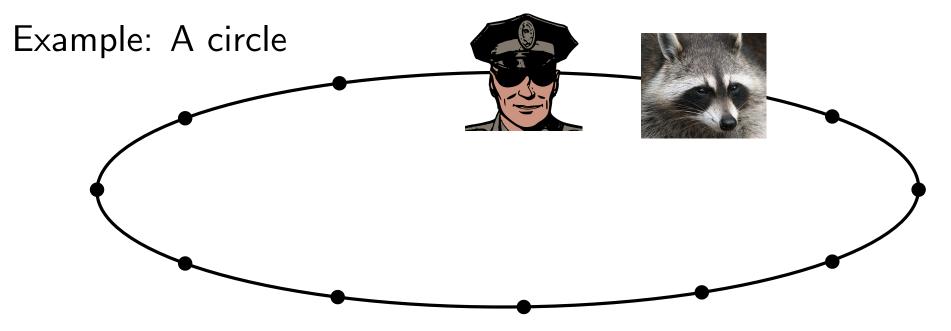


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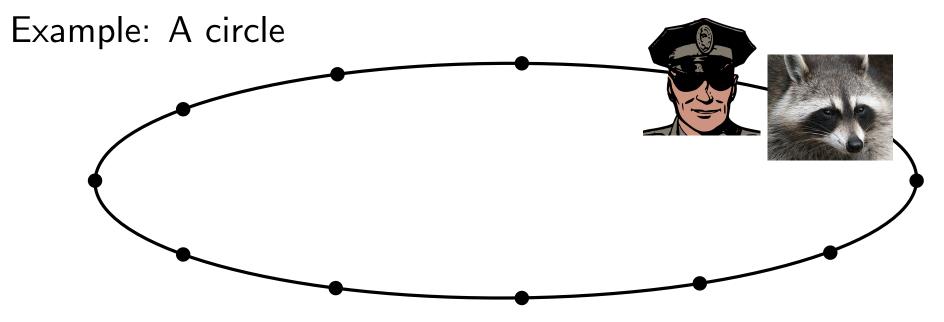


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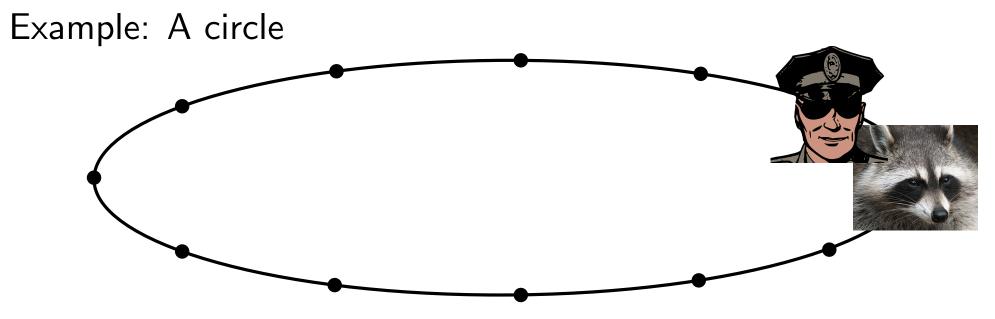
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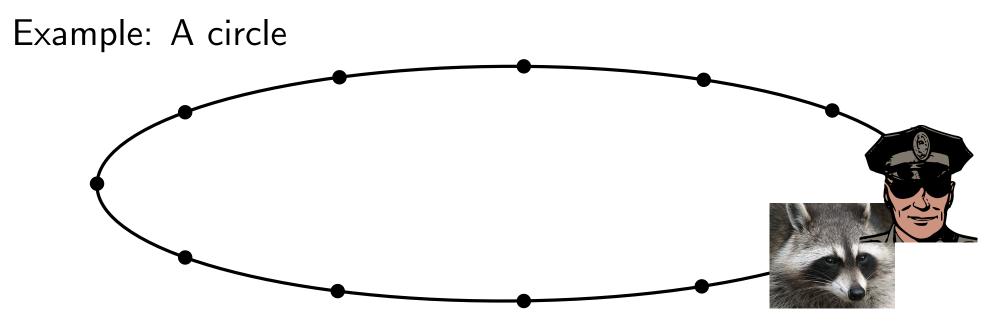
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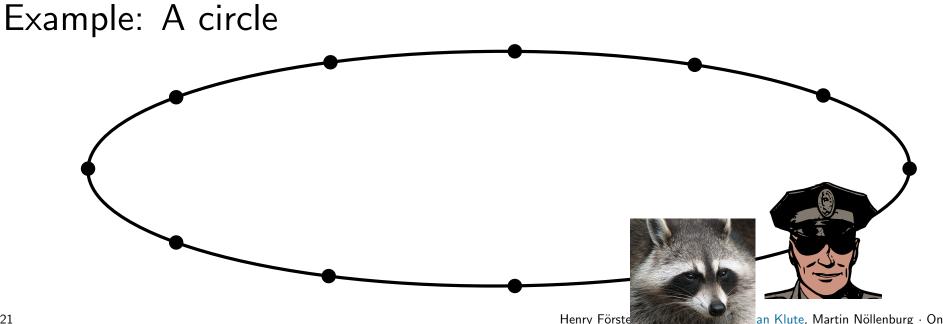
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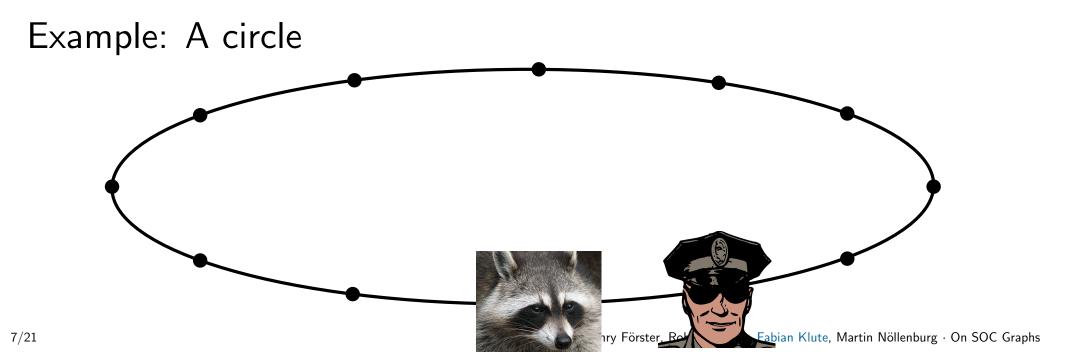
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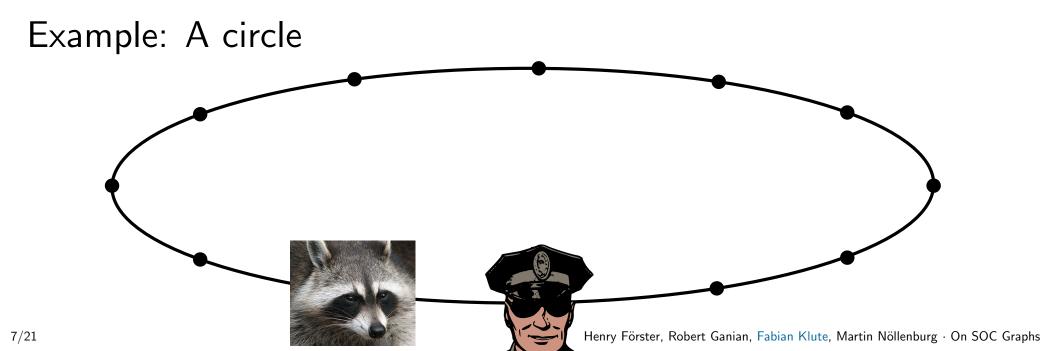
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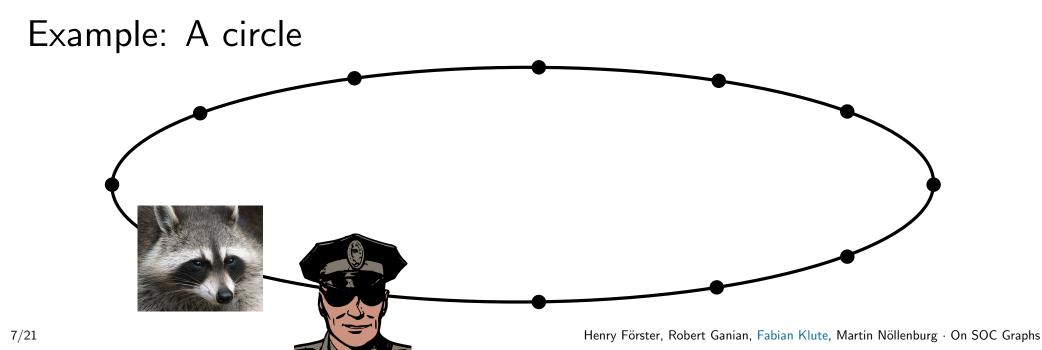
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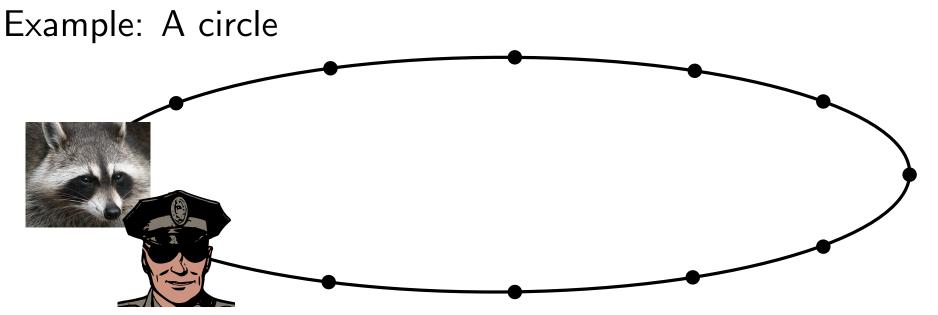
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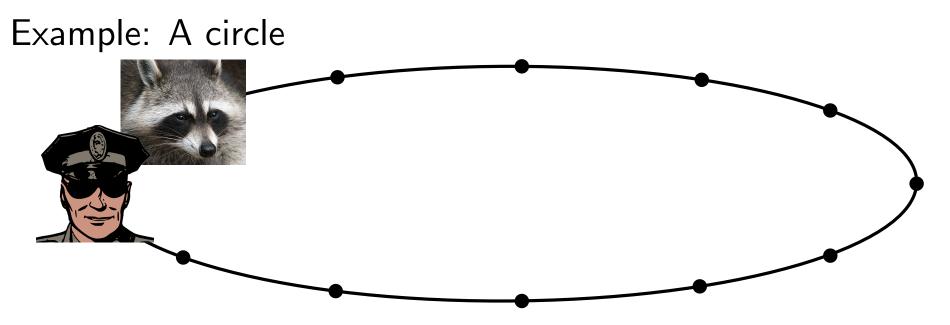


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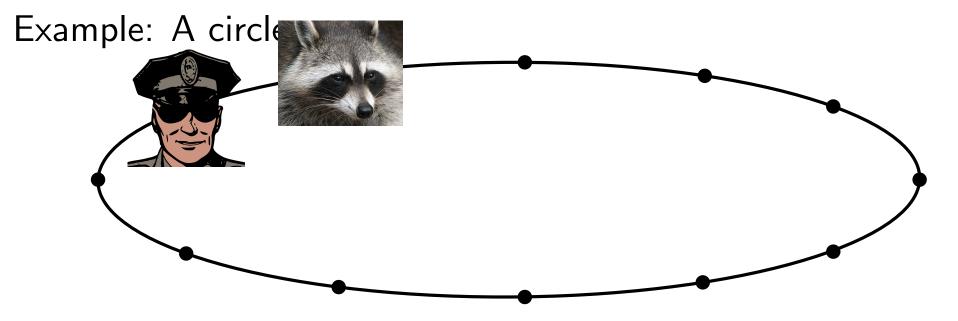
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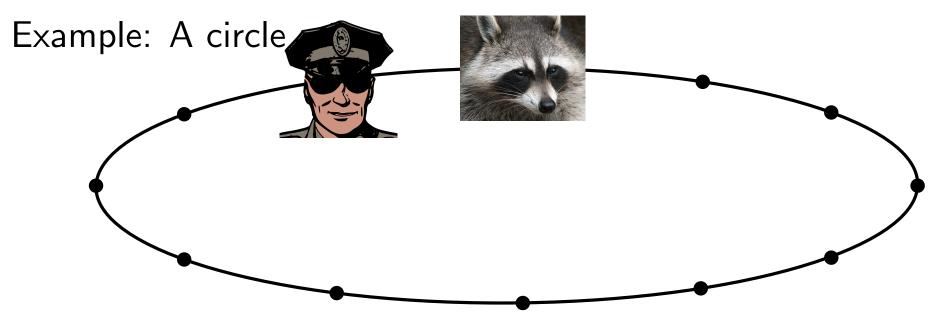


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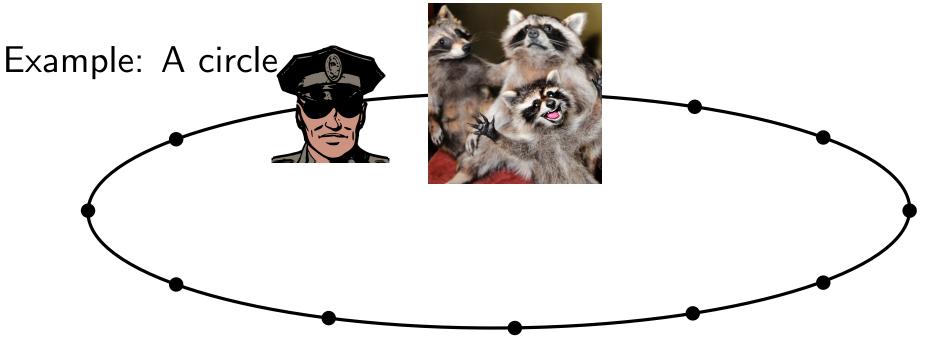
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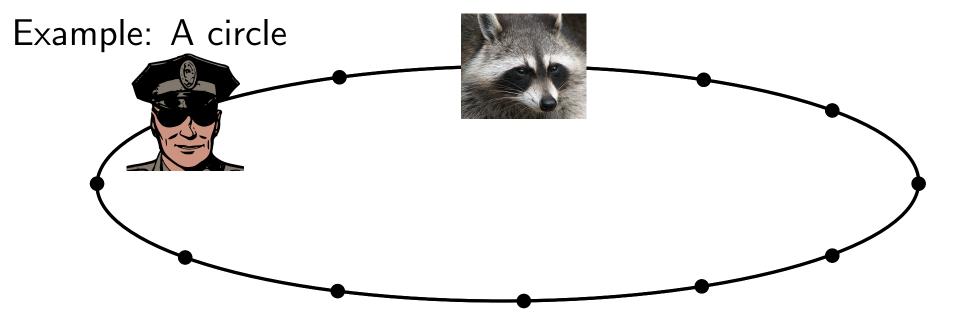


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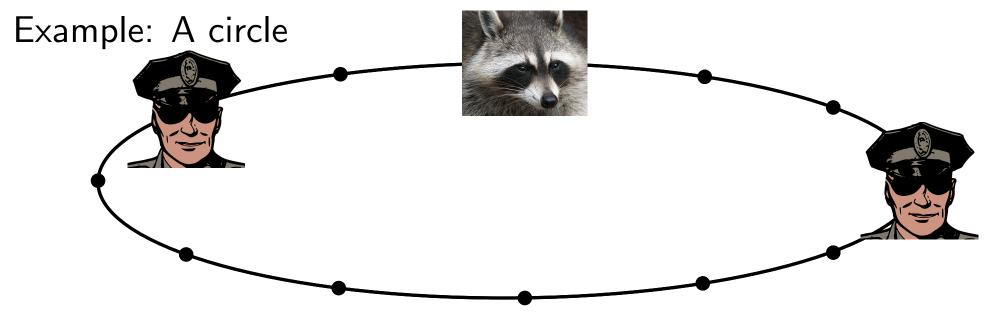


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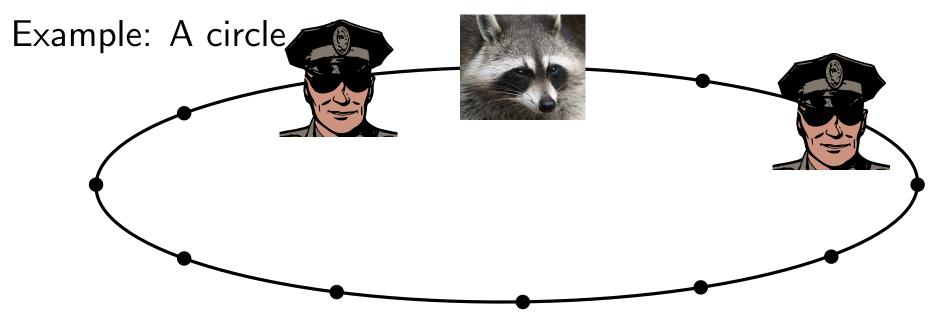


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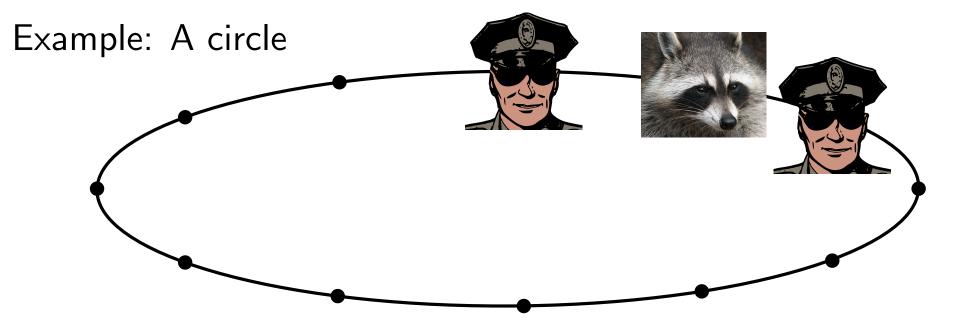


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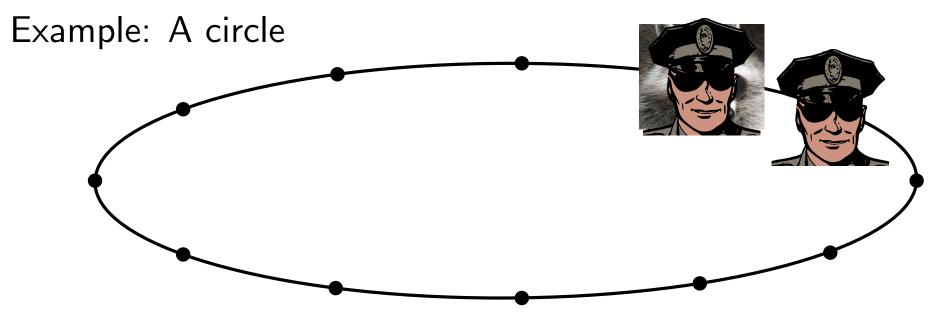


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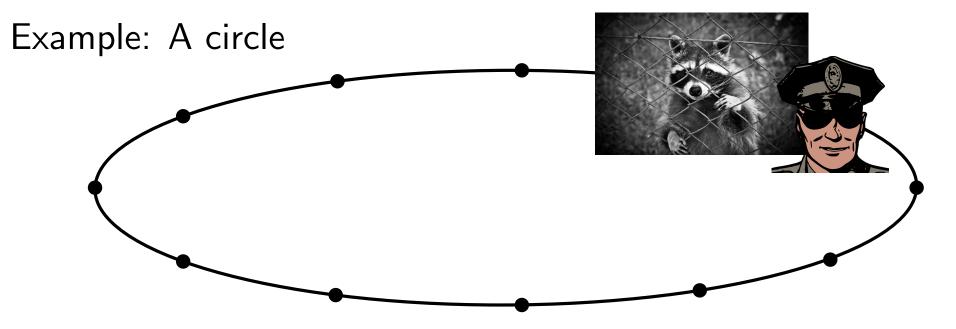


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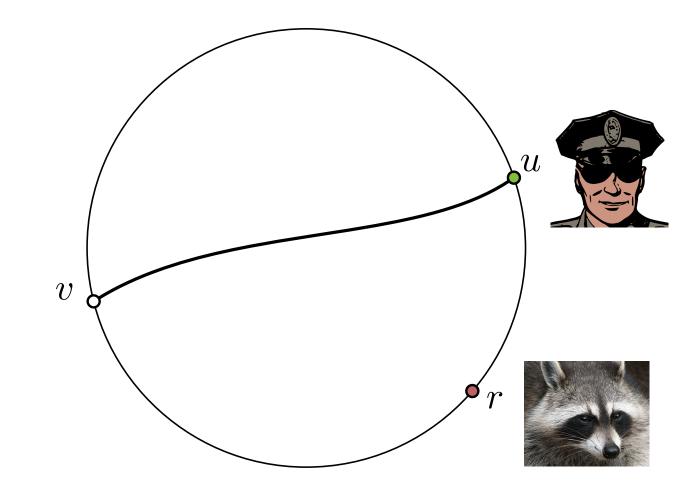


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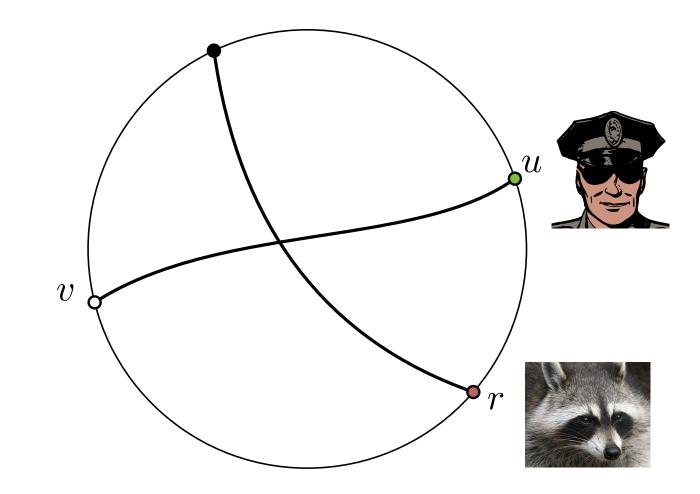
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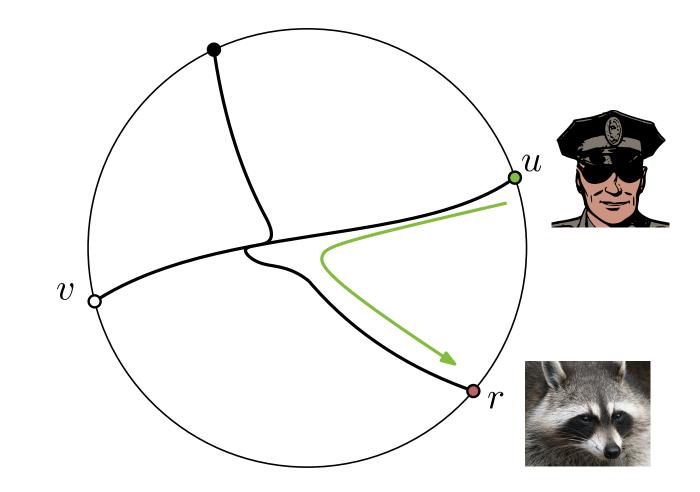
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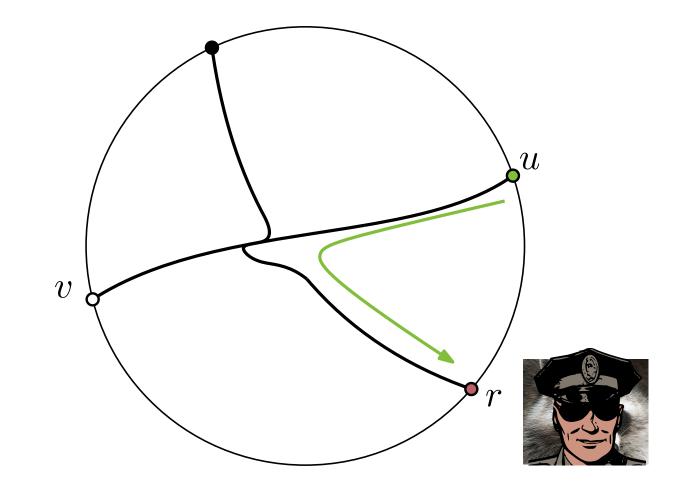
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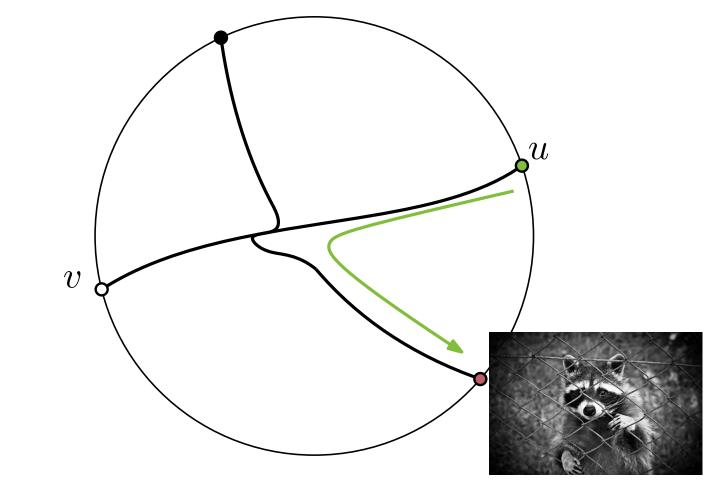
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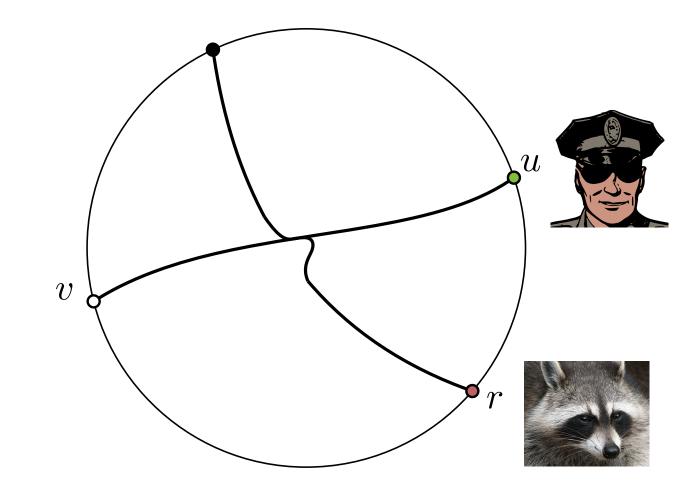
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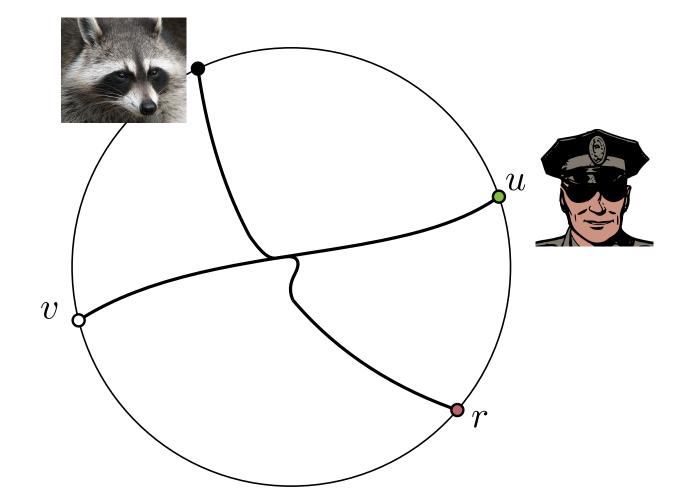
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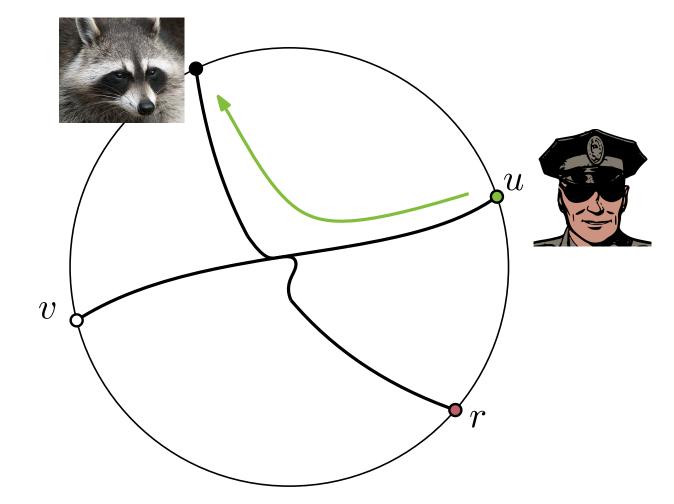
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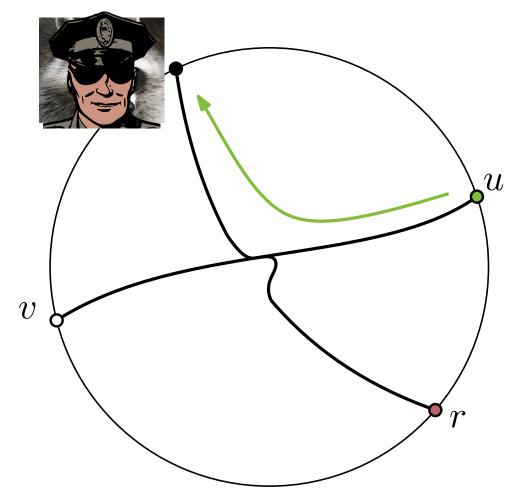
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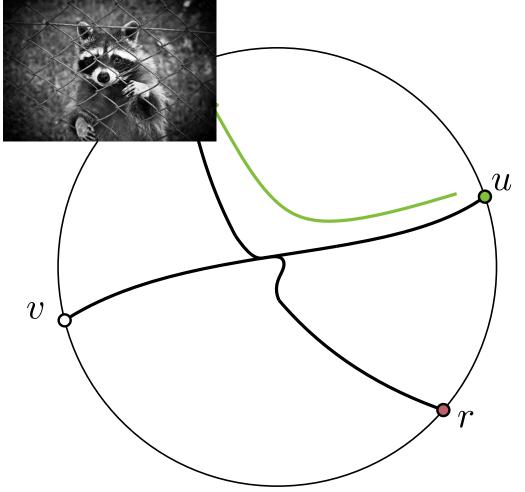
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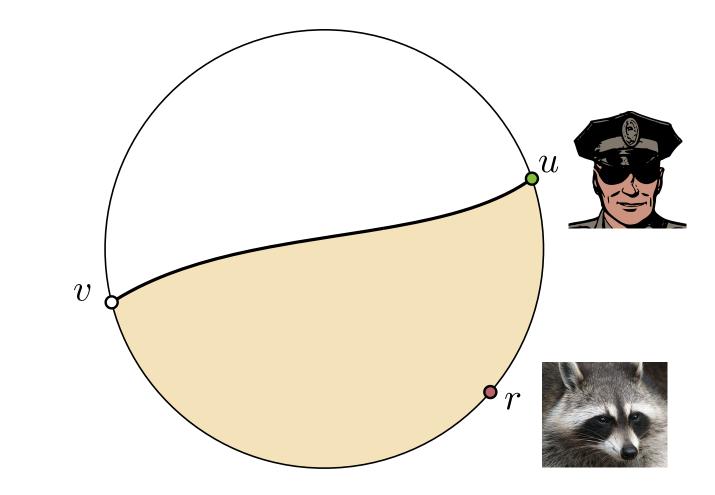
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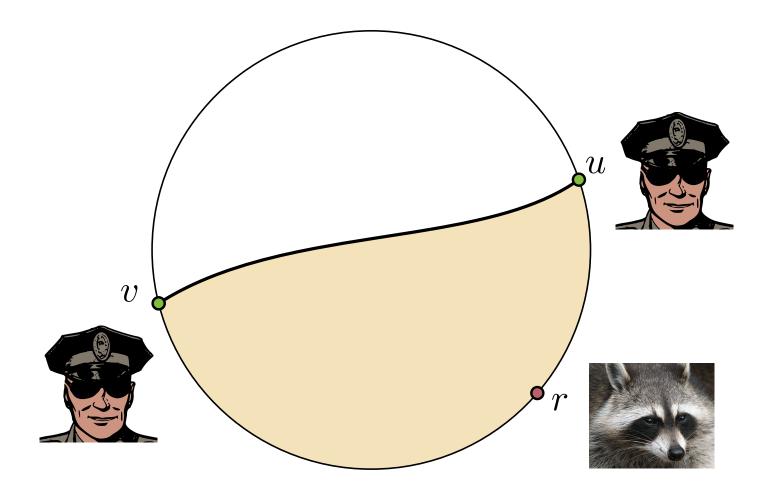
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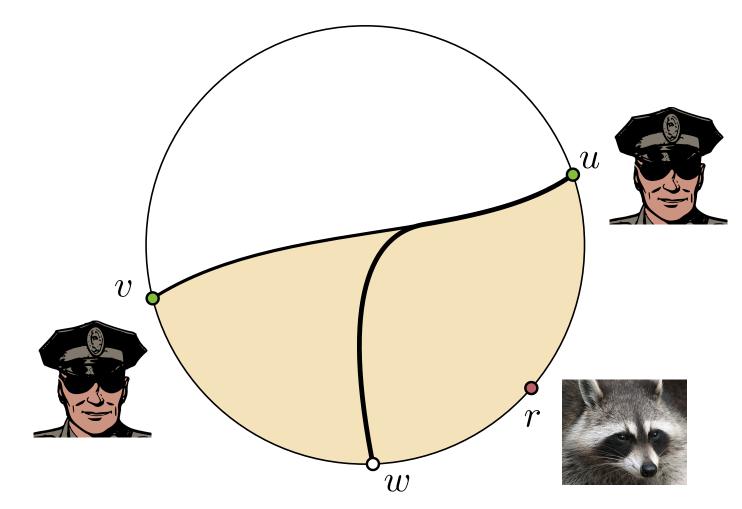
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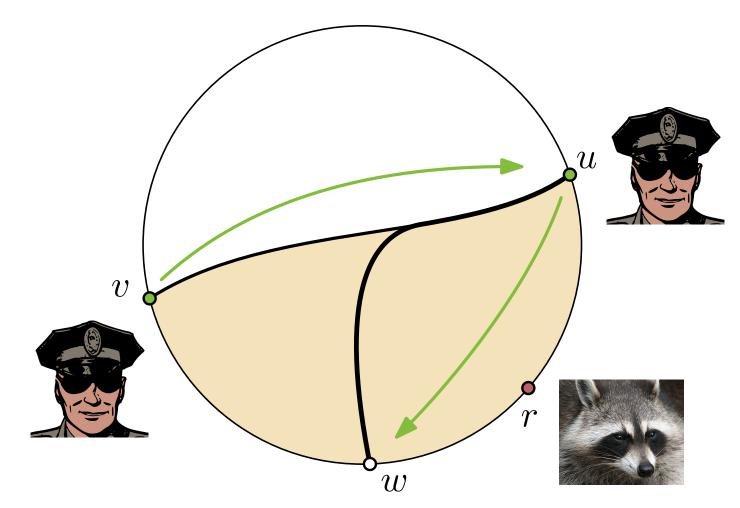
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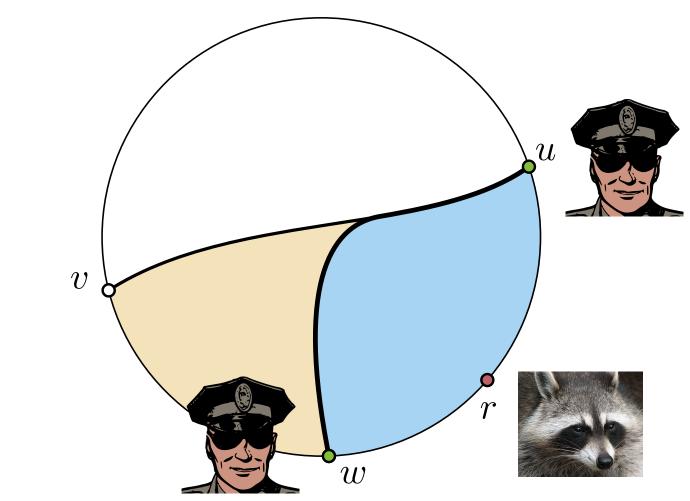
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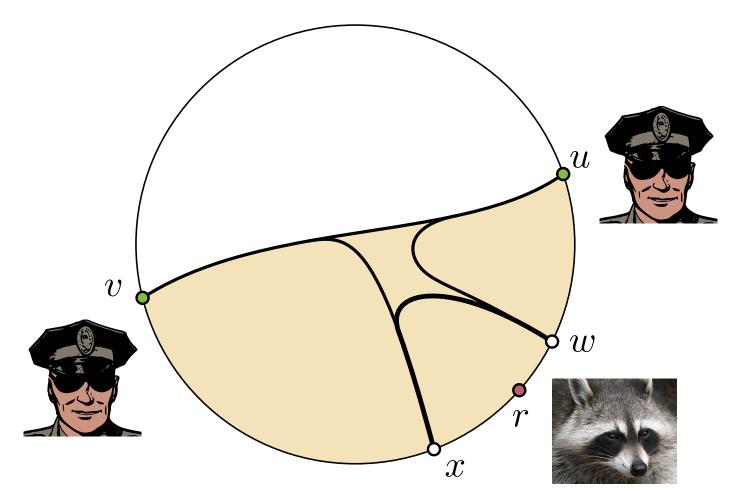
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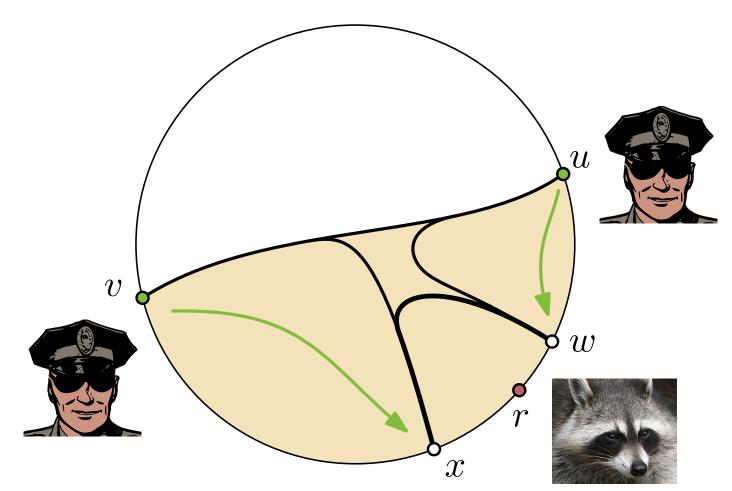
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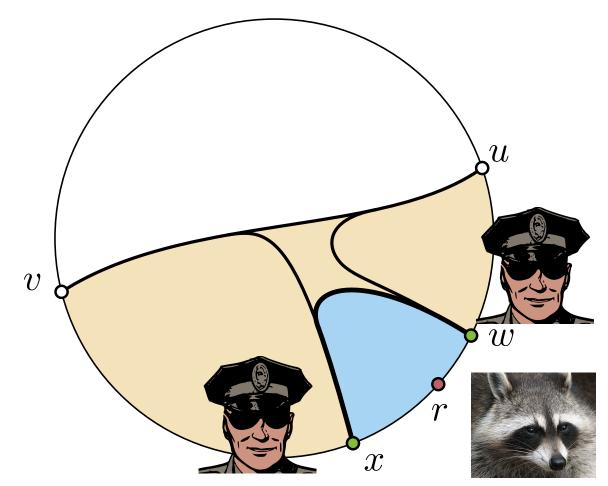
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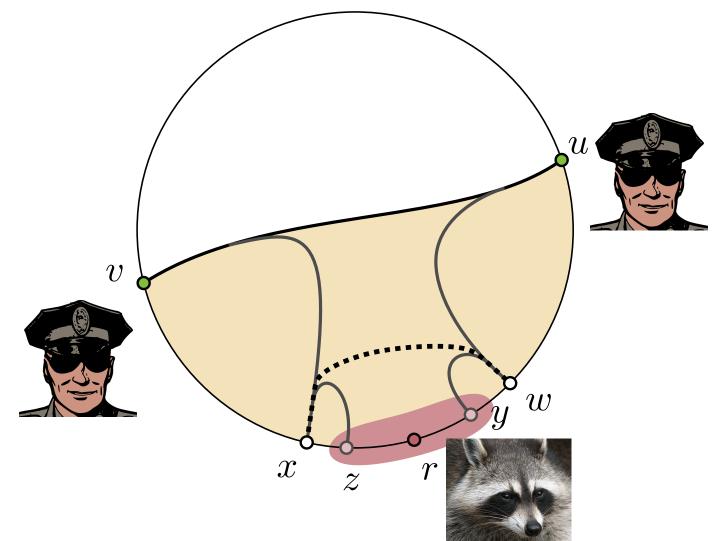
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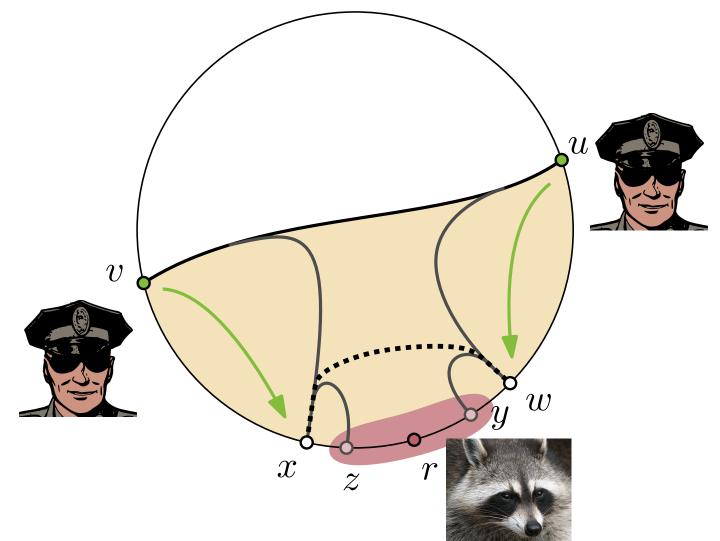


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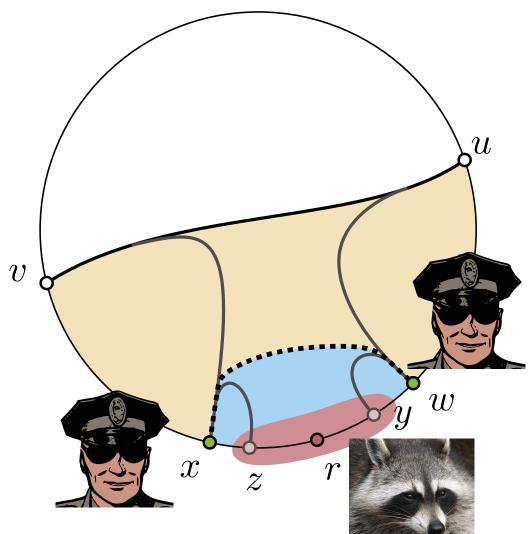


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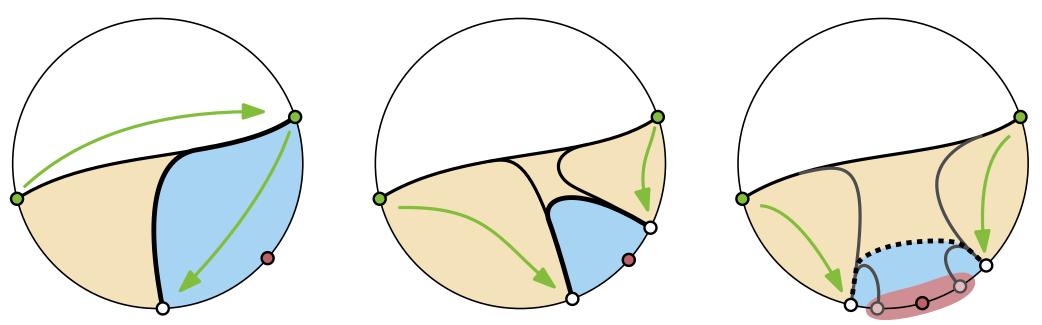
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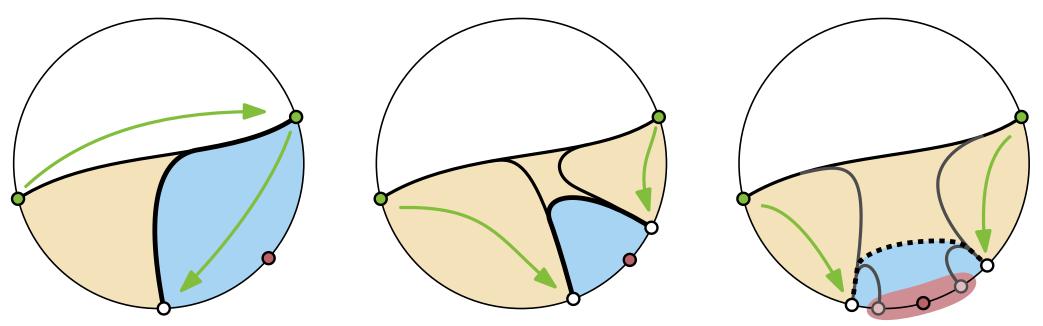


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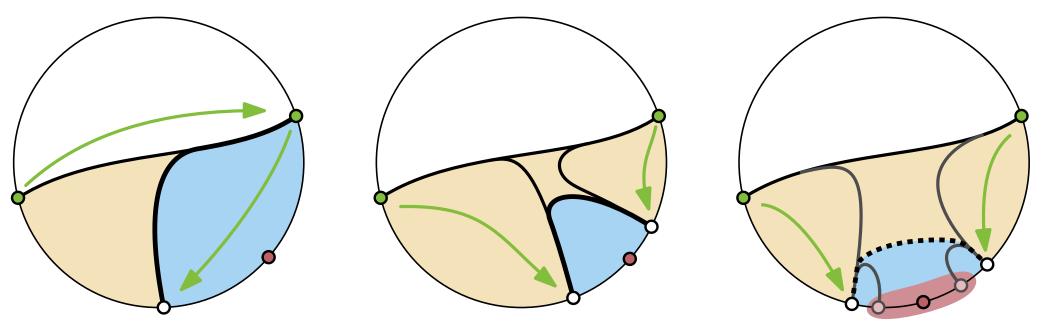
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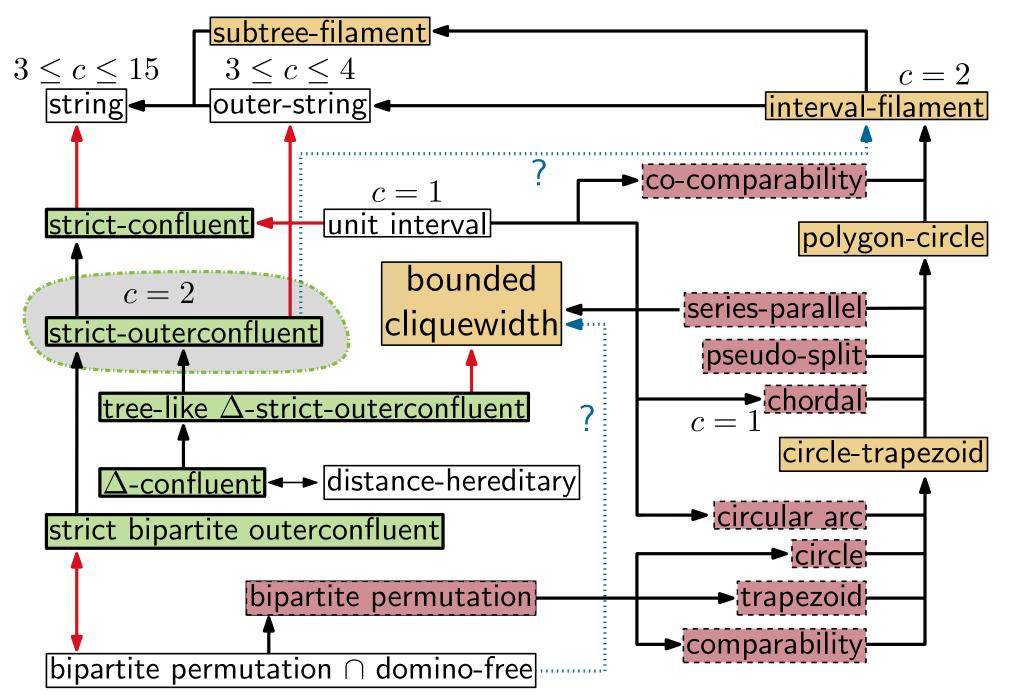
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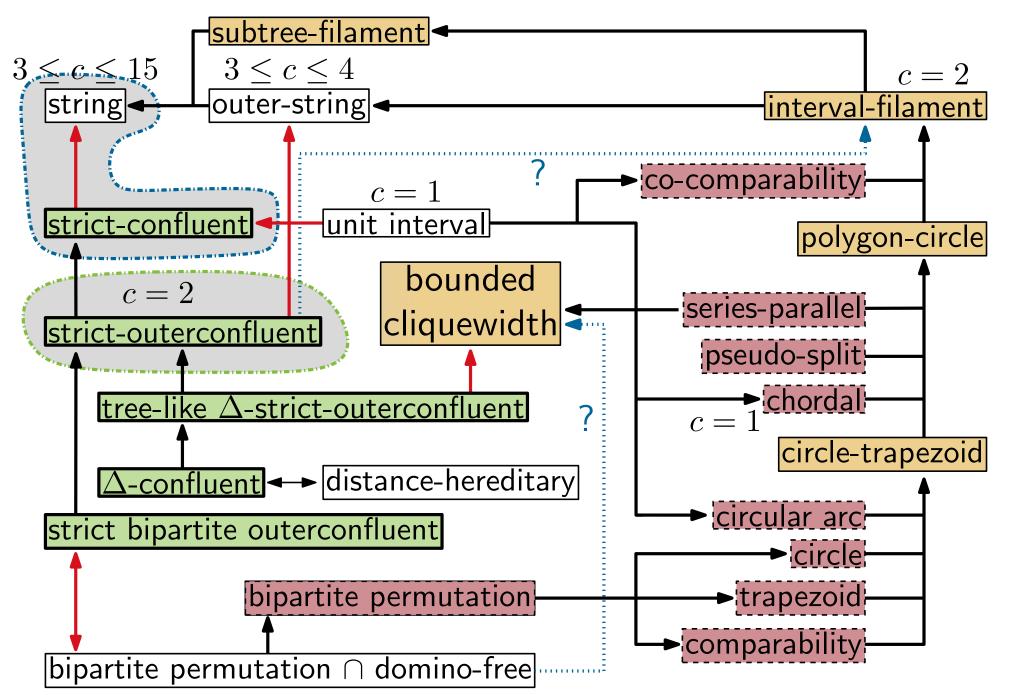
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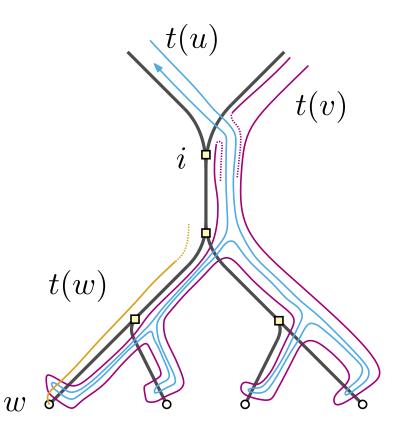
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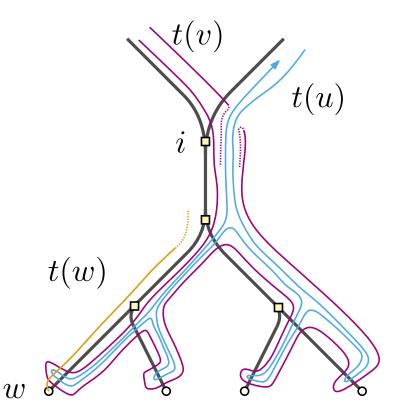
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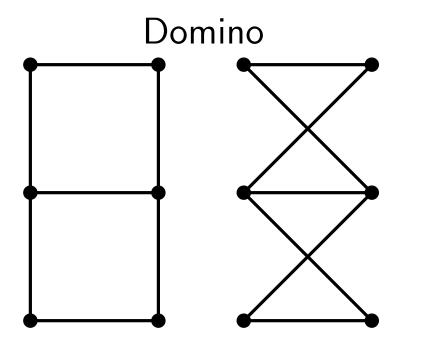
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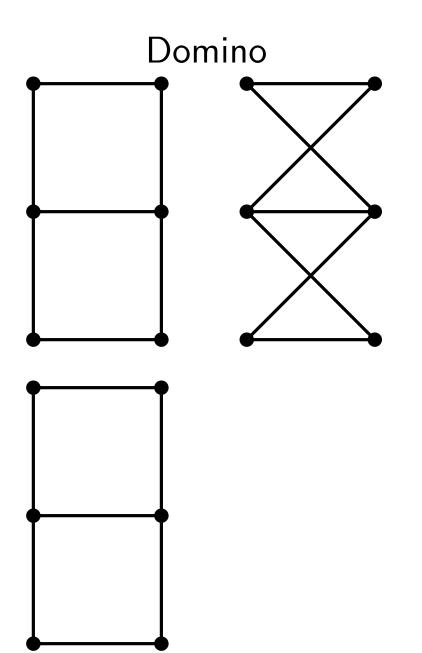
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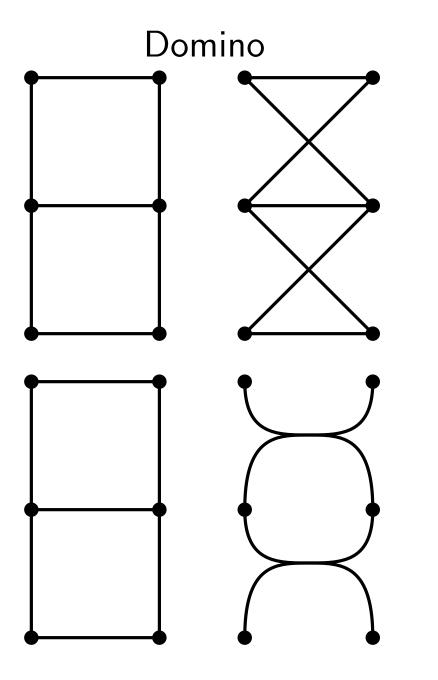




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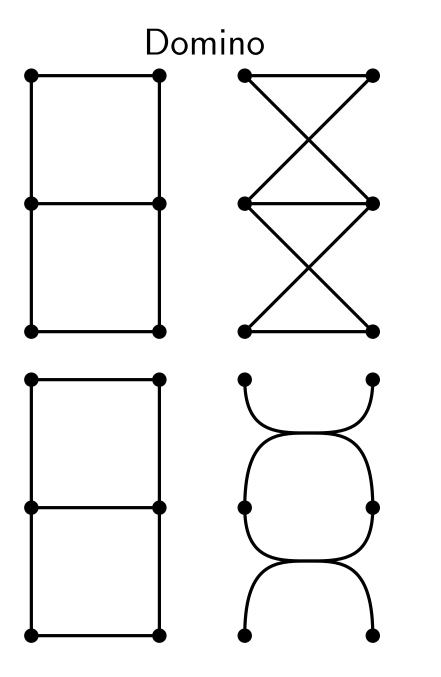


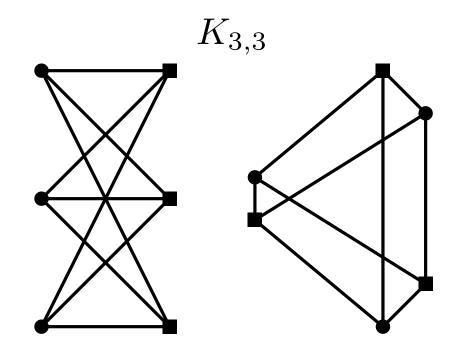
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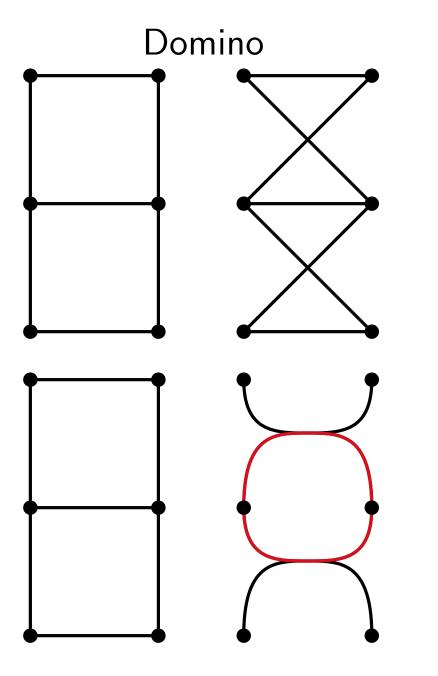
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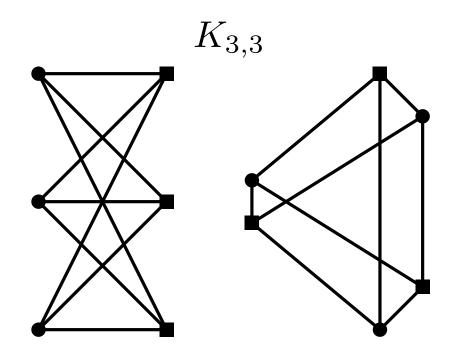




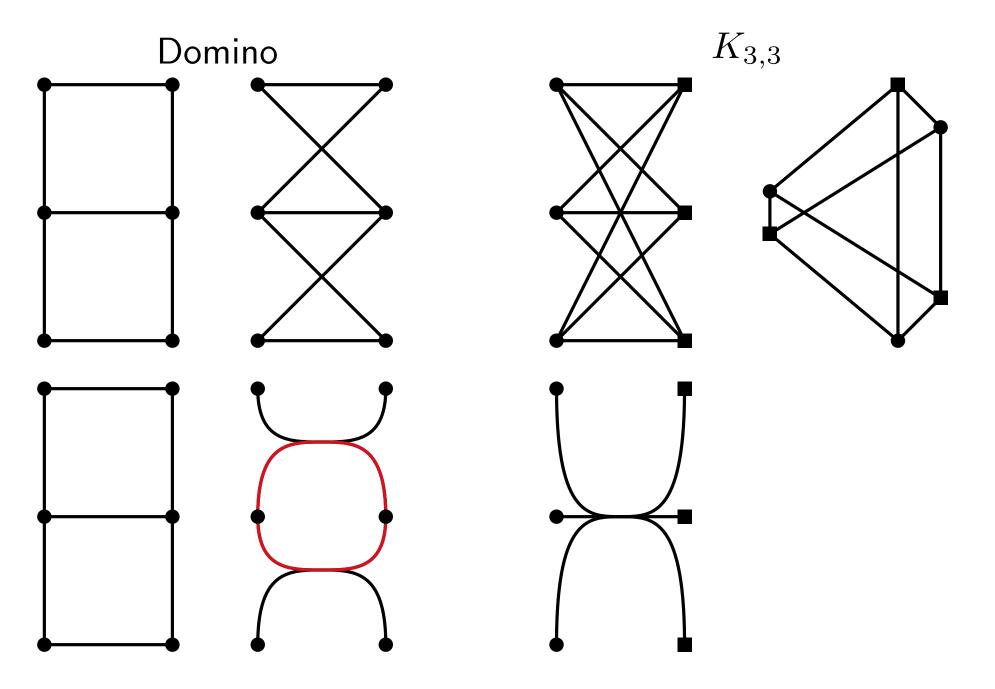




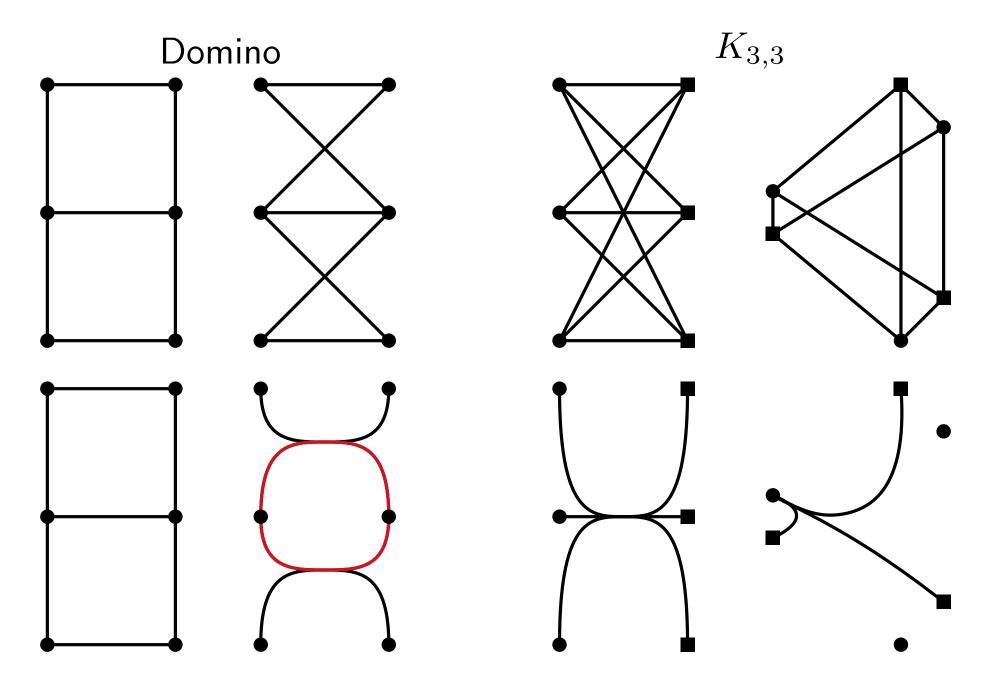




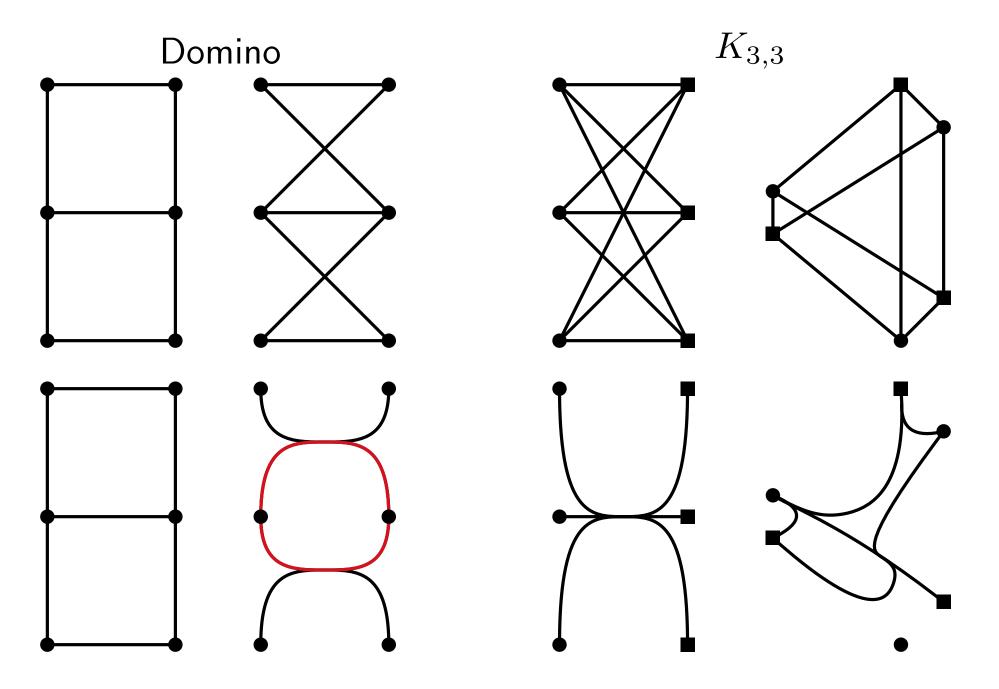




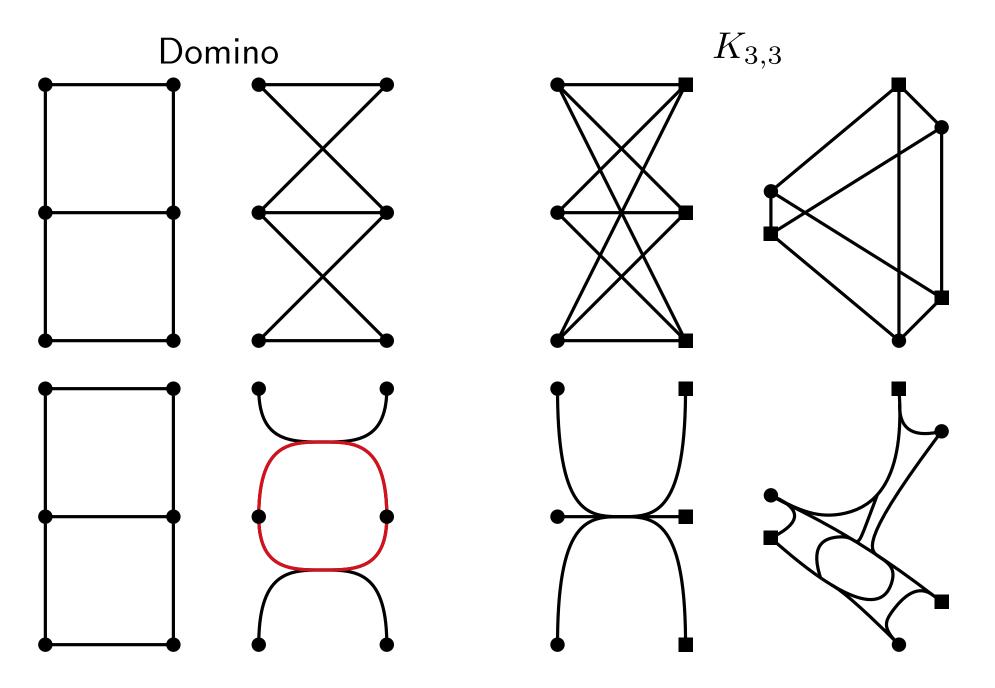




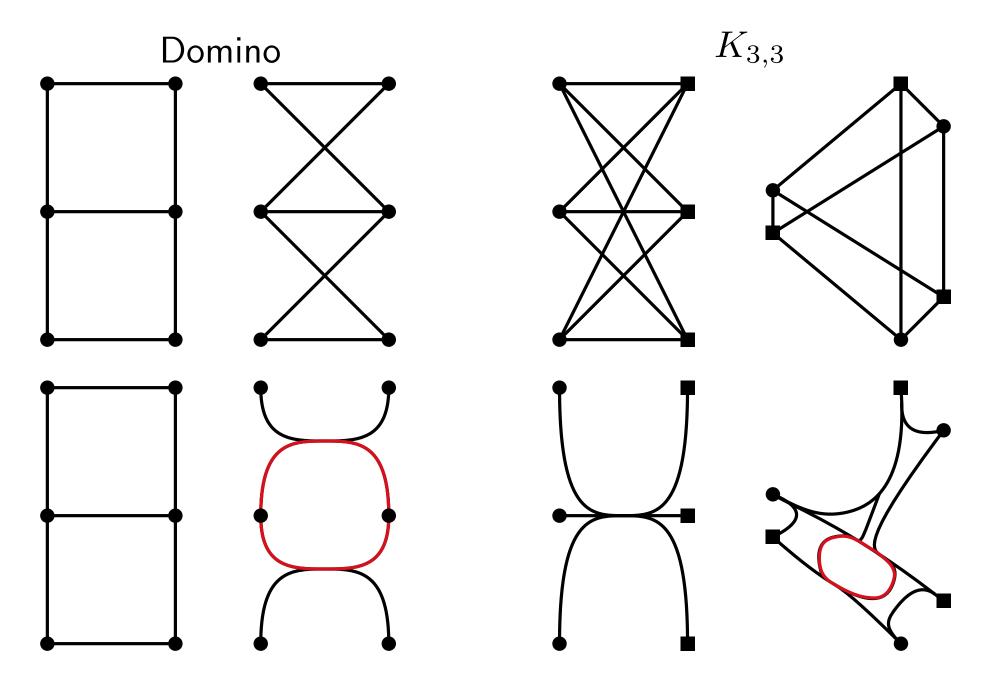




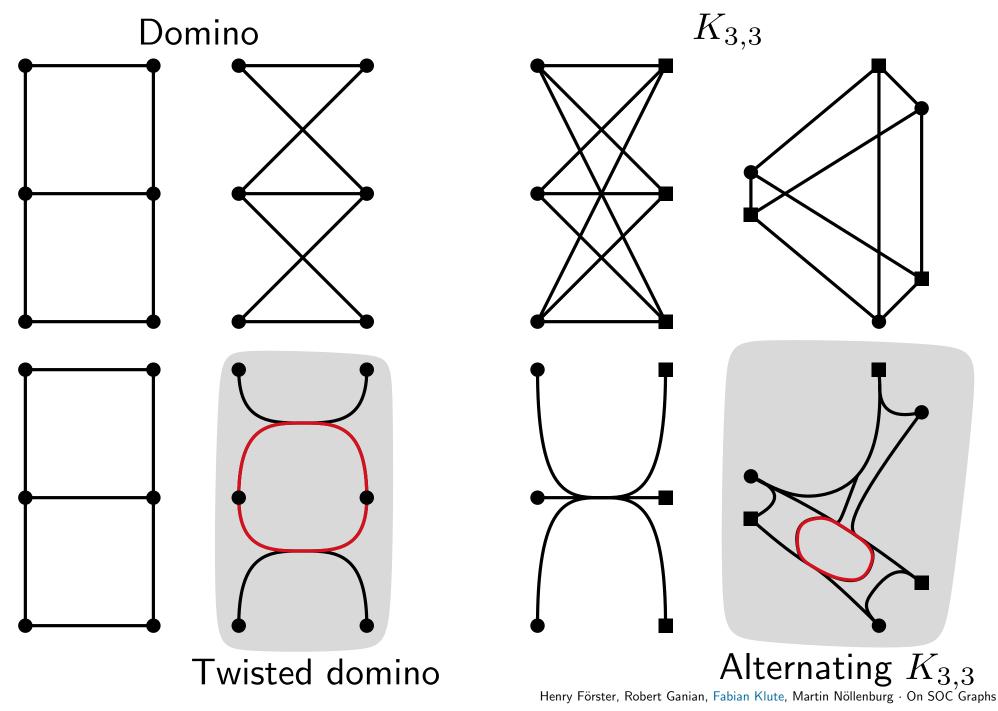












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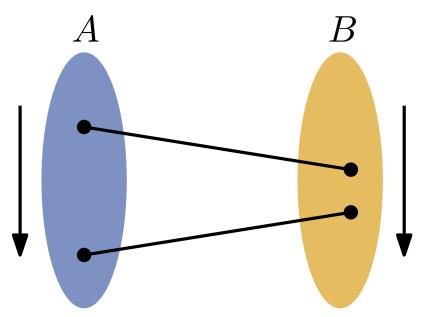
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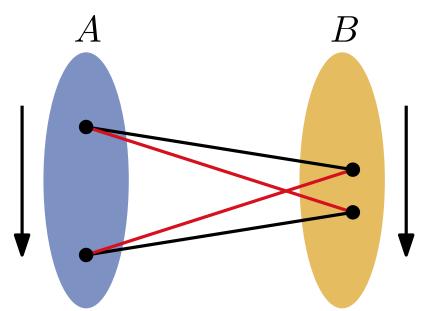
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 $\Rightarrow$  Confluent drawing easily possible (Formal proof [Hui et al. 09]) Domino graph is a Bipartite Permutation graph  $\Rightarrow$  strictness?



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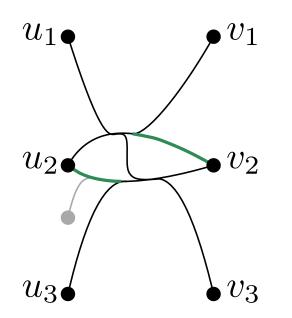
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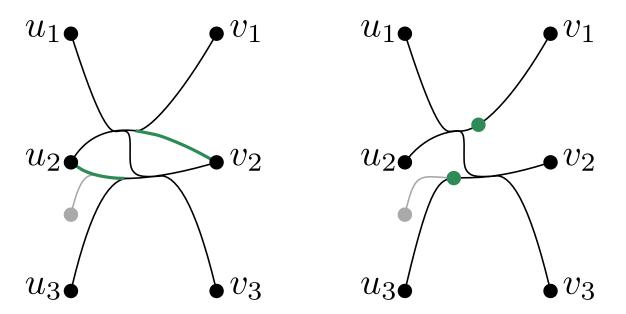
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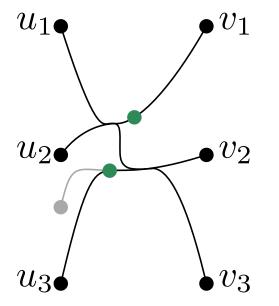
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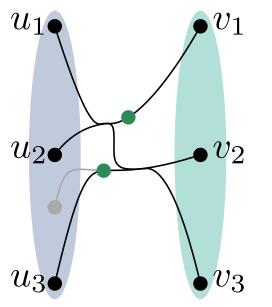


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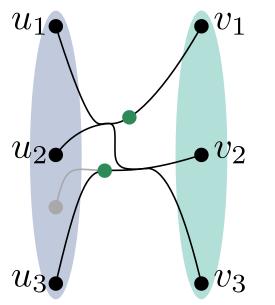


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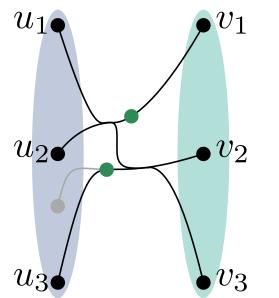
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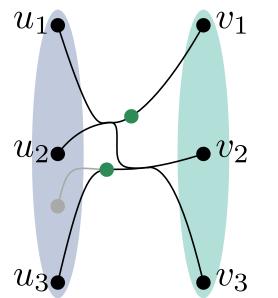
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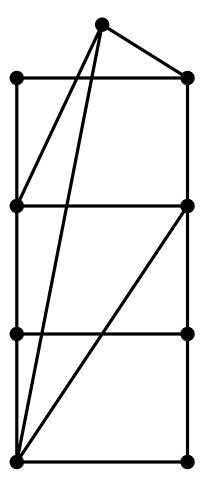
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- Twisted domino is only order admitting bipartite confluent drawing
- But twisted domino can not be drawn strict outer-confluent

### Counterexample for $\mathsf{BP} \subset \mathsf{SOC}$



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